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FURTHER BORDER CLASHES

Hsinking Protests To Soviet Union

HSINKING, Feb. 9. THE MANCHOUKUO GOVERNMENT to-day lodged a strong protest with the Soviet Union through the Soviet Consulate-General at Harbin against another allegedly illegal crossing of the border and attack on the Japanese patrols by Soviet troops.

Dispatches from the border outposts indicate that scores of Soviet troops riding in three motor-lorries crossed the frozen Argun River forming the western border between Manchoukuo and the Soviet Union at 3 p.m. on Monday.

The Soviets then attacked the Japanese frontier outpost in the rear, whereupon the Japanese patrol returned the attack and repulsed the invading Soviets, the dispatches say. Another 20 Soviet troops armed with a field-gun and several machine-guns again crossed the border and attacked the Japanese border outpost at 4 p.m. on the following day. Responding to the Soviet affront, the Japanese repulsed them after four hours of fighting.

As the result of the skirmishes, the Soviets suffered seven or eight casualties, the dispatches claim, adding that the Soviet forces are at present increasing forces near the scene of the latest clashes.—Dunet.

OUTER MONGOLIANS CLASH WITH MANCHOUKUO PATROL

Hailar, Manchoukuo, Feb. 9. Breaking the silence that prevailed along the Manchoukuo-Outer Mongolian border, a group of Outer Mongolian cavalrymen crossed the border and clashed with the Manchoukuo-Japanese frontier patrol on January 27, belated reports received here from the frontier outpost say.

The Japanese-Manchoukuo forces succeeded in repulsing the Outer Mongolians after three hours of fighting, the frontier dispatches state. Two Outer Mongolians were killed and one other wounded, the dispatches claim.—Dunet.

FOUR HOURS FIGHTING

A report from a Japanese source concerning the frontier incident on the north-west Manchoukuo border, where, according to an official Soviet account, Japanese-Manchoukuo troops on an island within Soviet territory, fired on Russian forces, stated that Soviet troops crossed the frontier of Manchoukuo, and fired upon Manchoukuo frontier guards.

After being driven back following the arrival of reinforcements, the Russians re-appeared and made another attack with machine guns and heavy guns.

Fighting lasted four hours, ending in the retreat of the Soviet troops for a second time.

On the Russian side, it is claimed, eight were killed.

Another frontier violation, says the report, took place at Lake Buirnor, 400 kilometres south-west of Hailar, where a cavalry troop from Outer Mongolia attacked the frontier guard. Two of the attacking force were killed, and several machine guns lost.—Trans-Ocean.

Baronetcy For Boy Aged Five

London, Feb. 9.

His Majesty has conferred a Baronetcy of the United Kingdom on a five-year-old boy.

He is Andrew Ashton Waller Hills, son of the late John Waller Hills, a Privy Councillor, whose name would have been submitted to the King for a Baronetcy in the New Year honours list, but for his death last Christmas Eve at the age of 71.

Andrew was the only child. His mother became Mrs. Hills second wife in 1931, and is granted the style, title, and precedence of a Baronet's wife.—Reuter.



A RECENT PICTURE OF POPE PIUS

The Pope Unconscious After Severe Attack

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 9.

THE CONDITION of His Holiness the Pope has taken a turn for the worse, and a semi-official announcement describes his condition as "grave," and added that deep anxiety is felt.

It is announced that there is a general weakening and rising fever.

However, the authorities emphatically denied reports that the Pope is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, but emphasised that the gravity of his condition was due to the strain on the heart due to influenza.

Earlier an order was issued for three days of prayer for the Pope's health in all Rome churches.—United Press.

UNCONSCIOUS FOR NEARLY AN HOUR

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 9. The Pope's condition grew considerably worse this afternoon. After His Holiness had passed the night peacefully, attended by his physicians, he suffered another serious attack of asthma this afternoon, and remained unconscious for about three-quarters of an hour.

It is admitted that the Pope's strength had declined.—Trans-Ocean.

ALL ENGAGEMENTS CANCELLED

Vatican City, Feb. 9. It is stated that not only the deputy of the Pope's personal medical attendant, Professor Rocchi, but also the Pope's nephew, Dr. Franco Ratti, the deputy of the Church State Secretary, and the Secretary for extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs, were called to the Pope's bedside to-day.

In consequence of his weak state, Pope Pius will now have to rest completely, and will be unable to attend either the assembly of the Italian Episcopate on Saturday, the celebration of the anniversary of his coronation, or the reconciliation between the Vatican and the Quirinal, which takes place on Sunday next in St. Peter's.—Trans-Ocean.

NO CONFIRMATION IN HONGKONG

Questioned this morning as to whether special services would be held in Roman Catholic churches in Hongkong to pray for the Pope's recovery, the Rt. Rev. Mr. Bishop Vallarta said: "I do not believe that His Holiness the Pope is so seriously ill."

"I can do nothing until I receive confirmation."

Motor Car Exports Show Decline

New York, Feb. 9.

The value in exports of motor vehicles in 1938, amounted to \$289,000,000, according to the Department of Commerce, representing a decline of 21 per cent. compared with 1937, but still above the average of the last five years, which is \$208,000,000.—Reuter.

BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNS

BRUSSELS, Feb. 9.

The Belgian Cabinet resigned this afternoon, following a meeting of its members, which had been specially convened to consider the situation arising out of the nomination of Professor Martens to the Flemish Academy of Science.

It will be recalled that the nomination called forth a storm of protests from ex-servicemen owing to the fact that Professor Martens had been sentenced to death for his activities during the war.

Mr. Spaak formed his Cabinet in May, 1938, when it succeeded the Janson Ministry.

POLITICAL CONFUSION. The resignation of the Spaak Cabinet has caused general confusion in political circles.

Only very hazy ideas about the formation of a new Government exist at the moment.

Answering a question as to whether the King had accepted the resignation of the Cabinet and himself, M. Spaak said:

"The King has authorised me to continue to attend to current business. I do not know exactly what that means."

In some circles it is felt that there is a possibility of the formation of a so-called Cabinet of personalities pressing reports that negotiations have taken place on H.M.S. Devonshire between the military governor of Majorca and representatives of the Loyalist faction of Minorca.

Violent clashes which are said to have occurred between the garrison and part of the civilian population appear to have extended as far south as Port Mahon.—Trans-Ocean.

FLIGHT TO FRANCE

Le Perthus, Feb. 9. All night long the movement of soldiers and war material through the narrow bottle-necks in the Pyrenean range has been going on. It is reported that scores of troops had been driven west to France following the capture of the two Loyalist armies in Catalonia.

About 15,000 troops are reported to have fled to France.—Continued on Page 4.

FRANCO EFFECTS MINORCA LANDING

LE PERTHUS, Feb. 9.

GENERAL FRANCO'S troops reached the frontier here at 10.45 a.m., and hoisted the Insurgent flag.

All members of the Loyalist Cabinet and other Loyalist leaders left before the Insurgents arrived.

They included Dr. Juan Negrin, Senor Alvarez Del Vayo, General Rojo, Chief of General Staff, and his staff officers.

A Burgos message says that the Insurgents occupied the important industrial town of San Juan Abadesas, 15 miles from the frontier to-day.

From Perpignan comes the news that ten officers of President Azana's military household left Perpignan this morning for Hendaye, where they are expected to cross into Insurgent Spain late in the afternoon. The officers include General Sarribis, chief of the household, Admiral Matz, and Colonel Jimenez.

MINORCA LANDING

A later report from Burgos states that Insurgent troops landed at Ciudadela, on the west coast of Minorca, where they were joined by units of the local garrison which had risen against the Loyalist authorities.

Most of the Loyalist leaders are stated to have fled from the island, which is claimed to be almost entirely in Insurgent hands.

The Insurgents landed troops consisting of two battalions of infantry and one battery of artillery, with auxiliaries.

An Insurgent division has left Barcelona for Minorca to reinforce the troops already there.—Reuter.

MINORCA HEADACHE

London, Feb. 9. Writing on the Insurgents' claim to dominate almost the whole of Minorca, "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent points out that France has been particularly concerned about the future of the island, as its seriously threatened communications with French North African possessions.

Both France and Britain have been seeking to ensure that any eventual occupation will be wholly Spanish.

This is one of the aims of the British Government in authorising the cruiser Devonshire to convey an envoy of General Franco to negotiate for the island's peaceful surrender.—Reuter.

TRANSFER CERTAIN

San Sebastian, Feb. 9. An early transfer of Minorca to the Insurgent Government seems to be regarded as certain in Insurgent political circles.

According to reports received here, preparations for handing the island over to General Franco's forces are nearly complete.

On the other hand, no information is forthcoming concerning foreign press reports that negotiations have taken place on H.M.S. Devonshire between the military governor of Majorca and representatives of the Loyalist faction of Minorca.

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CHINESE MUST WEAR 'GOOD CITIZEN BADGE'

Canton, Feb. 9. The Japanese authorities are insisting that every Canton Chinese wear a "good citizen badge" including the Chinese employees of foreign firms, and British and American consular servants living in Shanghai.

A special office for issuing badges to Shanghai Chinese was opened yesterday, but the badges do not guarantee freedom from search, and freedom of transit to all parts of the city.

One reliable source, returning from Canton, reports that Talling is the centre of Chinese guerrillas under the command of the ex-war lord, Lel. Fook-lam. They are preparing strong resistance to a possible Japanese attack in the Sunghai and Chungking districts.—United Press.

H.K. HEARS DRAMATIC RELAY OF CIVIL WAR

HONGKONG RADIO LISTENERS heard the Spanish Civil War last night. A B.B.C. observer, speaking by telephone to London, broadcast a vivid description of the scenes on the Franco-Spanish frontier at Le Perthus where, to use his own words, he had "one foot in Spain and the other in France."

The commentary was broadcast by Daventry during the 9.30 p.m. News Bulletin last night, and was relayed by ZBW.

As the broadcast was being made by ZBW, debaters at the Y.M.C.A. were deciding, by 17 votes to 13, that ZBW programmes were suited to the public taste.

"The Insurgent guns are going off three miles away," said the B.B.C. commentator. "Listen! You can hear them!"

Through the dull boom of the cannonading, the tramp of marching feet—the feet of hundreds of Loyalist soldiers marching across the frontier into France—was plainly audible in Hongkong.

A long string of motor-lorries rumbled past the microphone. "The first lorry is a Russian one, laden with arms," said the commentator. A few yards from where the commentator stood was the house in which the Spanish Premier, Dr. Negrin, was in conference with his Foreign Secretary.

The broadcast was probably the most vivid ever heard in Hongkong.

BRITAIN'S ANSWER TO JAPANESE DUMPING

Increased Duties On Iron, Steel Staples

LONDON, Feb. 9.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS to-day adopted an additional import duties order relating to insulated iron or steel staples, designed to meet Japanese competition.

Mr. Noel Baker (Lab.) expressed the opinion that the Government had given the least convincing reasons for the order, namely the reduction in sales of Japanese goods.

If Mr. H. H. Cross, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, who moved the adoption of the order, had said that they wanted to boycott the goods, because they were produced with sweated labour and as a measure of retaliation against Japanese treatment of British interests in the Far East generally, they would have had more sympathy with the order.

They had previously urged that there should be a general international governmental boycott of Japanese exports, and he hoped the Government had come to share these views.

An order relating to west pilsen, designed to protect the Lancashire industry from Japanese imports, was also approved.—Reuter.

CONFERENCE BEGINS

A picturesque scene was presented by the arrival of the Arab delegates at St. James' Palace for the first Palestine discussions.

The Egyptian delegation, wearing European dress, were followed by the Yemeni representatives in white turbans, green sashes, and wearing the customary daggers, while the leader, Prince Al Hussein wore his famous golden scimitar.

Next came Prince Faisal, heading the Saudi-Arabians in long, embroidered gold robes, with traditional flowing head-dresses.

The Defence Party representatives, Rahe Bey, and Wafash Bey, were introduced, and unable to attend, the Defence Party was not represented at the first meeting.

The conference began at 6.10 p.m. and continued until 11.15 p.m.—United Press.

BRITISH SHIP LOST

Fruitless Search in Mid-Atlantic

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.

The s.s. VEENDAM, s.s. Scanmal, and the British steamer Clintonia, have reached the scene of the wreck of the steamer Maria de Larrinaga, and are participating in a search.

The Veendam wirelessed that she had sighted numerous pieces of wreckage, ladders, and a table-top.

The Cunard White Star liner, Aurania, reports that she sighted the wreckage of hatch covers and oars near the last reported position of the Larrinaga.—Reuter.

Reich Has Difficulty Collecting Big Fine

BERLIN, Feb. 9.

THE FACT THAT the German Government is encountering serious difficulties in collecting the one milliard reichsmarks fine from the Jews, levied as a result of the murder of Herr von Rath of the German Embassy in Paris, is revealed by an announcement by the Finance Minister published in the official "Tax Gazette."

The announcement consists of a new circular giving detailed instructions of the methods of paying the fine. The new instruments order Jews to sell all personal and valuable objects before attempting to liquidate their stocks, bonds, and real estate.

It is believed that this measure is necessary, partly by the heavy depreciation in real estate values, as well as by a slump in the stock market towards the end of last year, due to hurried liquidation by the Jews.

The circular also reveals that many Jews have been selling their houses and other real estate at values prevailing in 1935, instead of current values, with a resultant general depreciation of real estate prices.

The announcement orders that in cases where such property is liquidated, sales must be at prices generally current now.

The difficulties revealed by this circular support the belief of well-informed financial experts that the Government is not likely, in the end, to obtain more than a half of the total fine, particularly as Jewish real estate is already heavily indebted.

The next instalment of the fine is due on February 15.—United Press.

JAPANESE LAND ON HAINAN ISLAND

A MAJOR JAPANESE LANDING was effected at Hainan Island at 4.30 o'clock this morning.

Official reports by Japanese Army Headquarters claim that the landing was completely successful.

The Japanese forces are now claimed to be pushing inland.

The landing was effected from a fleet of about twenty warships and transports, most of which have been concentrated in the vicinity of Pakhoi during the past few days.

It was reported yesterday that the Idzumo, Japanese flagship of the Third Fleet, was cruising around the Gulf of Tonkin, with Vice-Admiral K. Oikawa on board.

LATEST

Occupation Of Le Perthus

Le Perthus, Feb. 9. Insurgent occupation of the Spanish part of Le Perthus completely surprised the military authorities.

Only ten minutes previously, lorry loads of Loyalist troops calmly passed through the town.

The occupation was completed without a shot being fired. Three Insurgent flags broke over the Carabineros' posts on the frontier and the Loyalist flags were torn down.

Three Insurgent generals then walked slowly through the streets while the inhabitants hurriedly hung Insurgent flags from the windows and shouted "Arriba Espana."

The generals warmly shook hands with the general commanding the French division.

Insurgent troops shouted "Viva France" and "The French and Spaniards are brothers."—Reuter.

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Japan Brings Up Reinforcements

Chungking, Feb. 9.

Chinese reports state that as a result of Count Terauchi's request, the Tokyo headquarters have authorised the transfer of five Japanese divisions from Manchukuo to the Suiui and Suiyuan fronts to assist against the guerrilla campaign.

It is stated that part of these divisions have arrived at their destinations, and part are en route. It is also reported that Japan is transferring three divisions from Japan proper to Manchukuo to reinforce the Japanese garrisons there.—United Press.

GARBO WANTS TO BE A LOON, AND WILL BE

ONE of history's minor landmarks of 1939 will probably be "Greta Garbo Turns Comedienne."

The Swedish star, identified with the screen's most tragic roles for 10 years, has secretly yearned for some time to play comic parts. In fact, up to a point she wants to be a loon. Her wish is to be realised in her next picture, which is to be directed by Ernst Lubitsch, the world's leading exponent of piquant social comedy in films.

The story, at present called "Ninotchka," is described as a "serio comedy about a Russian girl," and will show her as a young thing from Moscow sent on a commercial mission to Paris.

It is an entirely new departure, for though Garbo has been seen to smile for a few seconds in some of her pictures, her characterisations have been, by their very nature, quite humourless.

MUST HAVE FUN

Lubitsch, on the other hand, builds over with humour. If any confirmation were needed, it is the fact that three years ago he was deprived of his German nationality.

"You simply must have fun in every picture," he said in London last year. "Omitting it is the mistake so many European directors make."

As he is paid £30,000 a year, he should know. His recent "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" shows that his cunning has not waned. He thought Noel Coward's "Design for Living" not funny enough, so he had the whole thing rewritten.

He has now left the Paramount studios for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to make two films, "Ninotchka" being the first.

MAY BE AT DENHAM

It is just possible the film may be made in England, for Garbo is one of Metro-Goldwyn's stars for their British production plant at Denham, where "A Yank at Oxford" and "The Citadel" have already been made.

Garbo did not make a film in 1938. Most of the time she has been holidaying in Sweden and Italy.

Her reported marriage in Capri to Leopold Stokowski, the conductor, has not been denied by the star, who refuses to say yes or no.

In September she returned to Hollywood, where Aldous Huxley, the English novelist, has written for her a film story of the life of Mme. Curie, joint discoverer of radium.

This subject has now been postponed indefinitely.

Flicked Pellet At Girl—Fined 10s

FOR shooting a paper pellet at a girl by means of an elastic band, a 14-years-old boy was fined 10s. at Hastings juvenile court recently.

He was summoned for discharging a missile to the public danger on Hastings front on October 10. The girl, who was struck in the right eye, said she was still unable to see out of that eye.

Police Superintendent Buddie said it was not yet known whether she would lose her sight.

Auto Driven 17 Years

Akron, O.

Lee Clough has driven his 17-year-old automobile a distance equivalent to more than 12 times around the earth at the Equator since 1921. Clough still drives it daily, winter and summer, from his country home 18 miles to the rubber plant where he is employed.



Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. H. T. Buxton and Alberta Pearce Walton.—King's Studio.

£20,000 Relic Stolen From Museum

Vanished From Safe In Night

Stockholm.

THE most sensational museum theft for years in Sweden—in many respects like the theft of Leonardo di Vinci's Mona Lisa from the Paris Louvre in 1911—has been discovered at the Royal Historical Museum, Stockholm, it was announced recently.

The attendants found that the museum's most precious Swedish antique, the so-called Västana braktea, was missing.

It is a golden ornament dating from the year 400, and it was found in 1587 in the earth at Västana, where St. Brigitta founded a convent.

An ornamented gem in imitation of a Roman gold coin or medallion, it is unique because it is the only piece of its kind which has an inscription in the ancient Runic alphabet.

NO DAMAGE

Scientists say that American collectors would give £20,000 for the piece if it were for sale. The lost antique is so famous that it is incredible that anyone could sell it without detection.

The gem was lost after it had been put for the night in an envelope in an iron safe.

When the safe was opened the antique had vanished, but no visible damage had been done to the safe.

COLLAR BONE HARNESS

SEATTLE.

Dr. Roger Anderson, Seattle bone specialist, has designed a device that repairs broken collar bones with comparatively little discomfort to the victim. The apparatus, made of rubber and metal, holds the arm pit and shoulder rigid until the bones have mended.

Fiance Falls From Ship, is Drowned

Liverpool.

A TELEPHONE bell early one morning recently awoke 22-years-old Miss Joan Herrington, of East Mossley Hill-road, Liverpool, to hear that her 27-years-old fiance, Mr. Alfred Quine, a Customs officer, had been drowned.

Mr. Quine, who had planned to marry Miss Herrington, daughter of the Water Guard Superintendent of the Liverpool Customs Service, early in the New Year, slipped from a swinging rope ladder attached to the Norwegian steamer Europe in the Mersey.

He fell into the water and when picked up by a searchlight beam was seen clinging to a buoy, but when the launch reached the spot he had disappeared.

Mr. Quine, who was a Merseyside footballer, had been ill with influenza, and he reported for duty yesterday, believing he was fit.

"His death is a terrible shock for my daughter and a great loss to the service," Mr. Herrington said.

GAVE UP JOB

"The couple met about two years ago at Bournemouth, where my daughter was working. As soon as they were engaged she gave up her post and returned home for domestic training. They were to have been married as soon as he received leave."

Earlier 15 men were rescued from a sand hopper which sank after a collision with the Europe.

Fell To Death While Girl Waited

WHILE a blonde 22-years-old girl sat in a car outside Regent's Park tube station recently awaiting two men friends, one of them, Mr. Harold Ratcliffe, aged 26, a mining engineer, of Devonshire, Perivale, near Acton, fell 70ft. down a lift shaft and died later.

The shaft—one of three—was under repair and could only be reached through a small gate.

After a luncheon party, Mr. Ratcliffe and his friend, Mr. William Wood, of Uxbridge-road, Acton, drew up in a car outside the station. The girl watched them disappear down the station entrance. She waited, grew impatient, and then left the car, to hear that Ratcliffe had stumbled down the shaft.

He was alive when workmen brought him to the surface, but died in the ambulance on the way to hospital.

Woman's 40 Feet Fall During Tight Rope Act

Bolton.

THERE was an unrehearsed thrill before a full house at the opening performance of a circus at the Lido Theatre, Bolton, recently when one of the artists appearing in a tight-rope act slid and fell about 40ft. from a rope into the audience.

Eleanora, the artist, who was taking part in "The Slide of Life," was bruised, and a spectator, Fanny Loman (38), Irlam Street, Bolton, received an injury to the right hand.

"The incident began when Eleanora slipped as she was ascending a rope stretched from the stage to a point near the centre of the ceiling," the manager, Mr. H. Ellwood, said.

SECOND ATTEMPT

"She was then about level with the balcony, and the crowd cheered as she caught the rope and came down it hand over hand."

"She pluckily made the ascent again, and had just begun to slide down the rope when she came off it. For some reason her safety belt did not act."

"The people among whom she fell picked her up and she was taken to a dressing-room, where she was attended by a doctor."

"She was unable to take part in the second show. The audience were naturally alarmed when they saw Eleanora fall, but were very orderly."

The Lido Theatre closed as a cinema on Christmas Eve and reopened later as a variety theatre.

Girl Accepts Proposal From Gravesend Dock

A fifteen-years-old girl said "Yes" in answer to a proposal of marriage from a young man who was standing in the dock of Gravesend Police Court recently.

"I love you, and don't forget," the young man cried across the court. "I love you, and always will. I want you to promise me that when this is over . . . you will marry me."

"Yes" was the quiet answer.

Oliver George Morgan, aged 22, of Thistle-road, Gravesend, pleaded guilty to abducting the girl and committing an offence against her, and was committed for trial at the Old Bailey.

The girl, a smartly dressed brunette, said she met Morgan in June 1937 and started walking out with him this year. They had stayed together at a house.

The girl's mother said that on December 2 she received a letter from her daughter which stated: "If you try to get me back I will do it. I can't drag you into the gutter. . . I would rather commit suicide than come back with you."

In an alleged statement Morgan said: "I have been courting her since June. I mean to marry her when I get my divorce. I did not know of what I have done, and I want to do the right thing by her because I love her so much."

House Mice Are Spanish

BERKLEY, Cal.

House mice originated in Spain and were brought here from that country in commerce, David Nicholas of the American Museum of Natural History told the American Society of Mammalogists here.

Wives To Wait On City Men's Office Boys

STOCKBROKERS' wives are to come into the City each day to serve lunch to their husbands' office boys.

They will be helpers at a club which a group of stockbrokers have decided to open. A vacant warehouse has been secured rent free, a permanent caretaker installed, and facilities will be provided for a hundred boys to have cooked midday meal costing only a few pence. Light refreshments will be free.

A member of the group, Mr. Henry C. Hatfield, said: "Many boys bring sandwiches for lunch and eat them in the City churchyards. Our idea is to provide a club where they can get a cheap hot meal between the hours of twelve and three."

"There will also be a room for games."

Woman Posed As Duke's Cousin

DESCRIBED as a well-educated woman who had exhausted a private income left her by her parents, Alice Rosina Tibbs, 43-year-old orchestra pianist, of Hampstead, was at Marylebone recently sent to prison for three months for stealing from a fellow-church-goer and for false pretences.

She pleaded guilty. Detective-Sergeant West said that Tibbs became acquainted with Miss Martha Eleanor Smith of Southampton Road, N.W., at Priory Church, Hampstead, and they became friendly.

Tibbs stayed with Miss Smith occasionally and later told her that she was Lady Catherine Howard, first cousin to the Duke of Norfolk. She invited Miss Smith to Arundel Castle.

She said she had money in the Standard Bank of South Africa and induced Miss Smith to advance her sums totalling £16 15s. She also borrowed Miss Smith's fur and sold it, and did the same with two rings worth £10.

She was not known at the Standard Bank of South Africa.

She was married and had followed her husband to Buenos Ayres, but returned to England on medical advice.

Murals In Marble

Oakland, Cal.

Two of the largest marble murals in the world have been completed in the lobby of the Alameda County court-house by the WPA Federal Arts Project. Twenty-six variegated types of marble from all over the world were cut into patterns and fitted together like a puzzle into the two huge murals. They were suggested by similar marble decorations used during the early Roman Empire.

CONCERNING the bath—

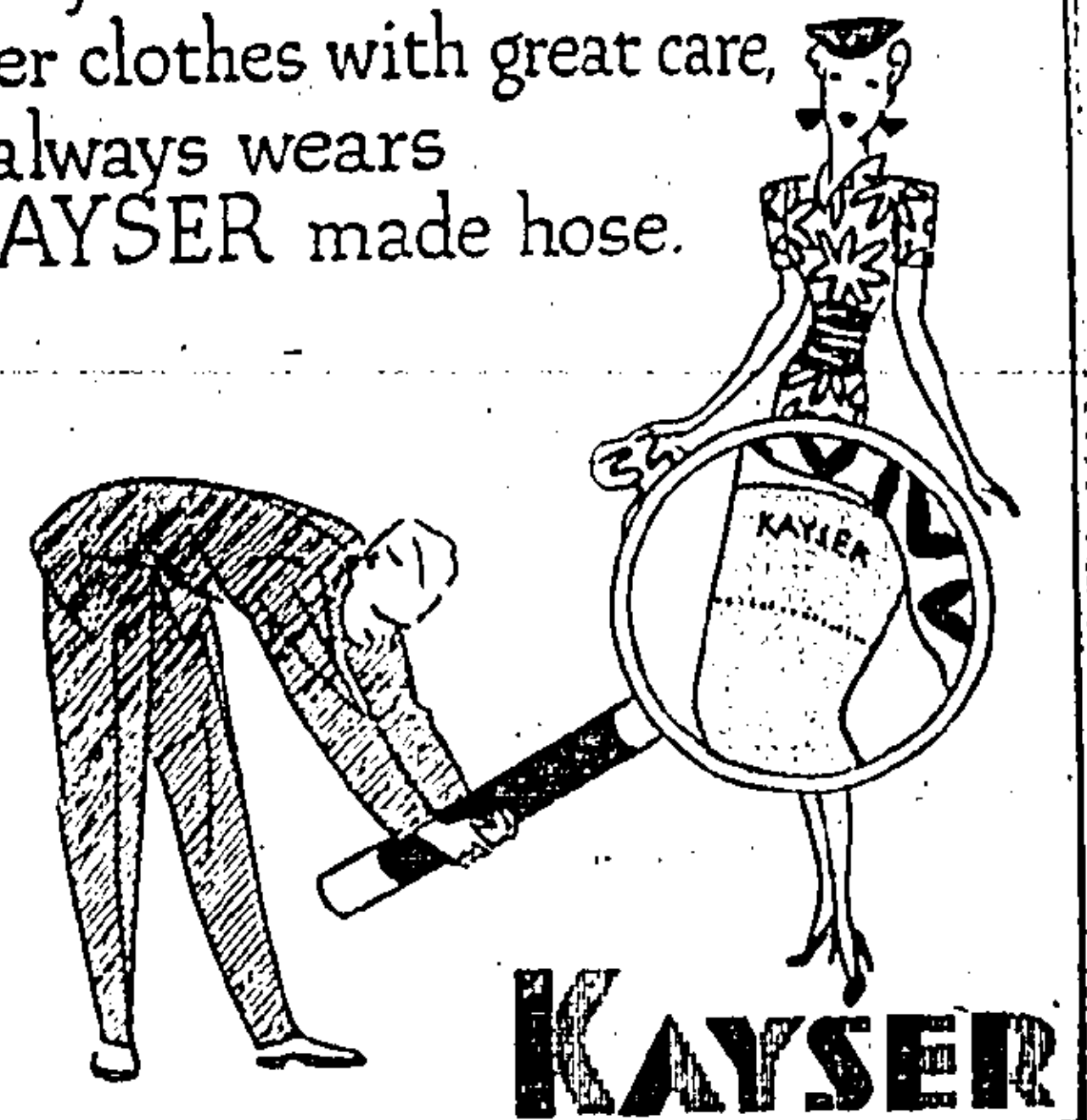
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- R2469. Lolita—Serenade. (Buzzi-Pecchia.) (Italian.)
- Faded Melody (German.)
- R2111. Star Fall From Heaven. Waltz Song (Italian.)
- Mandolinata Di Napoli. Italian Folk Song (German.)
- R2130. Wine and Waltz. Waltz Song (German.)
- My Song of Love. (both from Film "Star Fall From Heaven")
- R2248. Star Fall From Heaven. (Film.)
- I'll Sing A Song Of Love To You (English.)
- R2142. Eugen Onegin. (Tschalkowsky.) Act 2.
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Mrs. Kennedy, wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Britain, and their children photographed in London recently.

Parishioners Howl Down New Rector

ANGRY parishioners in Mellis, Suffolk, recently shouted down the Rev. B. Appleyard, who has been put in charge of them by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

At a public meeting they accused the Bishop of over-riding their wishes and resolved to fight his decision.

Mr. Appleyard is rector of Burgate, which parish the Bishop wishes to merge with Mellis.

Mellis wants to remain separate and to have its own rector.

"Church officials described the Bishop's reply to their request as 'cruel and unbusinesslike'."

It was when someone went on to describe it as "high-handed and an insult" that Mr. Appleyard tried to speak.

One of the officials said that the Mellis rectory was to be let to a woman with a number of Alsatian dogs, which would upset the local farmers.

Widow's Broken Heart

THE 62nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Shrubbsall, of Charlotte-street, Sittingbourne, Kent, came round recently.

And that day they died within two hours of each other.

Mr. Shrubbsall, who was 84, had been ill for two months, but his wife, a year younger, was apparently in perfect health.

She was doing odd jobs about the house to take her mind off her husband's death when she collapsed.

HER WISH

"Mother died of a broken heart," a member of the family said. "She said she had no further wish to live."

The couple were known throughout the district as an example of married happiness.

They had nine children. When they were married Mr. Shrubbsall's brother acted as best man and Mrs. Shrubbsall's sister was bridesmaid.

A few weeks afterwards the best man and bridesmaid were also married.

EMPIRE NEWS

PROHIBITION PLANS FOR BOMBAY

BOMBAY. It was announced recently that owing to the success of Prohibition in Ahmedabad City the Congress Government of the Presidency hope to extend the system to Bombay City and other districts.

Ministers have been busy in the last few days discussing details with Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel, chairman of the Parliamentary sub-Committee. The Government is working out a three-year plan for complete Prohibition. It may be necessary to extend this by one year, but a majority is reported to be determined to make Bombay dry before the expiry of the life of the present regime.

How the resultant £750,000 deficit will be found is not yet explained.

Australia

WIRELESS TELEPHONE TO U.S.

SYDNEY. A direct wireless telephone service between Australia and the United States has been inaugurated. The first conversation was between Sir Ernest Fisk, from the Beam Wireless Office, Sydney, and the vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., New York.

Mr. W. M. Hughes, Minister for External Affairs, then spoke to Mr. F. B. Sayre, Assistant Secretary of State, Washington. Mr. Hughes sent a message to America in appreciation of the closer bonds between the American and Australian democracies. "On us people of the New World much of the future of civilisation depends," he said.

Mr. Hughes afterwards spoke to Mr. Stanley Bruce, Australian High Commissioner in London, who is visiting the United States on his way to Australia.

New Zealand

UNEMPLOYED RELIEF EXTENSION

AUCKLAND. Mr. P. C. Webb, Labour Minister, announces the extension of the unemployment relief scheme to Jan. 31, thereby giving an extra three weeks' employment.

Although official figures are not available, the total number of persons receiving income from the Employment Promotion Fund is estimated at 35,000. It is not denied by Cabinet Ministers that the weekly cost is £125,000.

The Social Security Scheme allocates only £1,500,000 to unemployment relief. The fate of the unemployed families from February onwards presents the gravest problem for the Government, which has effectively solved the unemployment problem only while there is plenty of money.

But at present every penny is needed to finance the Security Scheme, a splendid conception, but almost prohibitively expensive. Should the revenue fall even slightly the scheme is in danger of toppling over.

Jamaica

£500,000 LOAN FOR PUBLIC WORKS

KINGSTON. The Jamaica Legislative Council passed a bill authorising the loan of £500,000 for municipal works, hospitals and a new Legislative Council building.

The loan will be placed in Jamaica in the first instance.



The Duchess of Kent wore gum boots during the recent cold spell at Home.

Large Areas Of Land And Roads Flooded

Naval Boat Capsizes In Gale

HUNDREDS of acres in Wensleydale, Yorkshire, were flooded recently, when, following a rapid thaw, accompanied by heavy rain and a strong wind, the River Ure burst its banks. Many roads were under water, but later in the day the wind dropped and the floods receded to a large extent. By nightfall all roads were passable with caution, but the water was still six inches deep in some parts.

When the River Aire overflowed its banks at Kirkstall, Leeds, flood water to a depth of nearly two feet entered the engine-room basement of the city's power station. There was danger of the plant being brought to a standstill but, after about seven hours pumping by the Fire Brigade, the water was almost cleared. No damage was done and there was no interference with the electricity supply.

The Hereford-Hay-Brecon road was flooded to a depth of two feet and on the Leominster-Hay road, where the water was still rising, there were patches eighteen to twenty-four inches deep. In the Midlands trouble was experienced at Kenilworth Ford and the road was flooded to a depth of fourteen inches.

A landslide in North Wales completely blocked the Caernarvon-Bedgely road. Traffic was diverted, but after four hours the debris was sufficiently cleared to permit the resumption of single-line traffic.

Heavy rain on Saturday and thawing of snow on high ground caused the Severn to overflow. Its banks along the forty miles from Caerwys to Shrewsbury. Low-lying houses were flooded. There were also floods in the valley of the Wye, the Dovey and

their tributaries, and motorists had to make long detours.

A gale, accompanied by lightning, thunder and heavy rain, swept over South Caernarvonshire early one morning. Thousands of acres of low land were flooded. Farmers were early stirring herding cattle and sheep into safety. A house in course of erection at Nevin was partly wrecked.

NAVAL RATINGS RESCUED

Twenty ratings were plunged into the sea during the gale at Portland, when a motor-launch belonging to H.M.S. Sharpshooter capsized. The boat was making for Castletown Pier, and it is stated that she struck a submerged wreck. A launch from H.M.S. Salamander was near and the men were pulled out of the rough sea.

There are fears for the safety of leading telegraphist belonging to the Sharpshooter as it is not known whether he was on the launch or not. When pulled out of the water the men were taken to a naval hospital. Two of five Royal Air Force seaplanes moored in Falmouth Harbour, were slightly damaged when the motor-launch Polperro dragged anchor and became unmanageable during the gale. The Polperro fouled one of the aeroplanes, striking a wing and damaged the wing of another machine. She was able to get clear under her own steam and proceed to a safe anchorage.

DRIFTING TRAWLER

Llandudno police received a message from Rhyl coastguard station stating that a trawler, believed to be unmanned, is drifting in a northerly direction, two or three miles off the Great Orme Head. The trawler is stated to have passed Abergele and Colwyn Bay.

A strong south-westerly gale delayed the Fishguard-Rosslare mail steamer. Coasters and trawlers were driven into Rosslare Bay, co. Wexford, for shelter.

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Acrobat Falls Into Orchestra

A TRAPEZE artist, A Charles Warren, lost his hold while doing his act at the Holborn Empire, London, recently, and crashed on top of a violinist.

Warren was rushed to hospital with serious head and leg injuries.

Warren does a solo comedy turn on a trapeze and horizontal bar. He had reached a point in his act in which he was suspended in an inverted position from the trapeze, and was about to take hold of the horizontal bar by his feet.

MISSED HIS HOLD

He missed his hold and fell with a resounding crash into the orchestra. A violinist was knocked down and his instrument broken.

Mr. Bertie Adams, the manager, said that it was some time before the audience realised that an accident had happened.

Mrs. Warren was in the theatre, although not in the audience.

"I heard screams and realised that something had gone wrong," Mrs. Warren said.

"My husband is an American, and has been doing trapeze stunts for 22 years, and this is the first time that he has had an accident. He does not even use safety nets during his act."

SWING GANGSTER

Her husband, who was known as the "American Swing Gangster," was just reaching the most sensational part of his turn when he slipped.

"He managed to keep one heel on the bar of the trapeze," she said, "and that broke his fall. He actually fell on to the grand piano first. If he had fallen direct into the orchestra pit, I am afraid it would have been even more serious."

Twenty stitches have been inserted into Mr. Warren's leg, and he has also put a thumb out of joint.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 1st March, 1939, or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th February, 1939, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be HELD at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 16th, February, 1939, at 12 NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 4th, February to THURSDAY, 16th, February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th, January, 1939.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fiftieth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 9th day of March, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 9th MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. TAYLOR,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1939.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 24th February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 17th February, 1939, to Friday, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1939.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Steamship

"ATHOS II"

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon, arrived Hongkong on Tuesday, 7th February, 1939.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 17th February, 1939, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 13th February, 1939.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
R. OHL,
Agent.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1939.

SOLUTION IN SIGHT

New Delhi Conference On Immigration

New Delhi, Feb. 9.

This afternoon's meeting between the Malayan and Raj delegations on immigration is expected to discuss the figures and wages finally proposed by the Madras Government and will indicate whether agreement is ultimately possible. At least two or three further meetings are regarded as necessary before a final result can emerge.

Informed circles dismiss rumours of insoluble deadlocks as baseless and alarming and believe there are still chances of agreement.—Reuter.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of February, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of the One Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	418	Lot No. 222 Pak Tai St., Ma Tau Kok.	As per plan.	6,700	\$124	\$5,125

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

There were more enquiries in the market and a fair turnover was recorded, at prevailing prices. Hotels are wanted at \$6.80 after business having been done at \$6.85, while Provisionals have buyers at \$0.65 and Wharves at \$1.17.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank \$1,300
Canton Insurance \$200
China Underwriters 65 cts.
I.K. Fire Insurance \$175
Douglases 90c
Provisionals (Old) \$0.65
Provisionals (New) \$0.65
I.K. Lands \$0.70
Chunnam Estates \$0.70
I.K. Tramway \$17.35
Yaumait Ferry (Old) \$22 1/2
Macao Electric \$110
Sundank Light \$10
I.K. Ropes \$4.10
Wing On (I.K.) \$30 1/2
Enterlance \$7
Marmans (Lan.) 14/0
Marmans (H.K.) 11/0
Hongkong Bank \$1,125 (ex d.)
Canton Insurance \$220
China Underwriters 65 cts.
China Lights (Old) \$0.90/84
China Lights (New) \$1.00
I.K. Electric \$20 1/2/58
Antimons \$4
Anglo Gold 20 1/2
Benzuet Consolidated 13.60
Coco Crown
Consolidated Mines 30.00
Demonstrations 20 1/2
X. L. Somaus 14 1/2
San Maurice 1.80
Suyoe 25
United Paracole .65

Sales
Hongkong Bank \$1,300 (c.d.)
Canton Insurance \$200
China Underwriters 65 cts.
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I.K. Electric \$20 1/2/58
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Consolidated Mines 30.00
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X. L. Somaus 14 1/2
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Suyoe 25
United Paracole .65

Social Items

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, of Mr. Patrick Chan, assistant editor of the Chu Chiang Yat Po, and Miss Chan Yat-shing, of 15 Fuk Wah Street, Shamshui. The witnesses were Mrs. Kwok Lai-sin and Mr. Chow Koon-kan.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Lau Kwong-chung, accountant of the Hongkong and Yaumait Ferry Co., Ltd., and Miss Shuk-yin, of 3 Babington Path, Hongkong.

Local Man Divorced

A decree nisi was granted by Mr. Justice Gifford at the London Divorce Court on Wednesday, January 11, to Mrs. Ellen Florence Allen, of Crass Street, Gillingham, Kent, on the grounds of adultery of her husband, William Elijah Allen, of the Sanitary Department, Hongkong. The case was undefended.

The petitioner is the daughter of Mr. S. G. Calverley, of the Naval Yard, Hongkong.

The marriage took place at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, in February, 1931.

AMERICA ASSURED

Government Will Not Be Overthrown by Force

Washington, Feb. 9.
The Communist Party in the United States has submitted a formal brief to the Supreme Court declaring that it does not believe in the overthrow of the United States Government by force.

The declaration was contained in a Friend-of-the-Court brief filed in connection with a Lower Court decision that membership of the Communist Party was not grounds for the deportation of aliens.—United Press.

INSURGENTS FACE FRENCH GUARDS ALONG FRONTIER

(Continued from Page 1.)

half a dozen camps spent the night in the open air.

It was a spectacle too vast and confused to easily visualize. From the heights the distant roll of guns could be heard, but the French valley was silent, the only indication of the proximity of war being the vast waves of humanity spread over the fields, with the families huddled around camp fires together with household animals for warmth.

TEK CONTINUES
The camps were already stirring at dawn as Mobile Guards warned the refugees to get ready for another trek to make way for other refugees.

This applies to women, children and old people. Over 120,000 men and fighting age, mostly camped at Anguelles and the village of Elno, must remain.

At Le Buoro fires burned all night long, many women preferring to sit nursing their infants under the stars than lie on the cold ground from Aragon related the horrors of the weeks-long trek from Catalonia and at the same time applied rouge to her lips.

Women rival men in stoic courage and acceptance of exile and miseries without complaining. They are very rarely in tears.

POOR LEADERSHIP

The international military observers have come to the conclusion that lack of material and man power was not the vital reason for the Loyalist collapse, but rather the absence of forceful and comprehensive leadership. Even in retreat, which could have been carried out in regular army formation, the absence of any control was obvious.

While much arms, machine guns, rifles, bombs, cars and artillery strewn the roads, certainly they are not of French origin and therefore dispute the allegations of wholesale French aid to the Loyalists.

The soldiers in their retreat accept defeat with resignation; combined with a feeling of relief. Many declared that they were ready to go back to fight, but the majority are without enthusiasm. In the past 48 hours 10,000 have been sent to Insurgent territory at their own request.

INSURGENT PRISONERS

Bourgnadme, Feb. 9.
Nine hundred and fifty insurgent prisoners regained their liberty for a few minutes to-day after being marched across the French frontier, only to lose it again by being sent back to Spain.

This arose from the delay in exchange of prisoners between the Loyalist command at Puercera and the Insurgent authorities at Hendaye. Franco's men are all Spaniards, mostly captured at Teruel, one brought over under armed Spanish guard. As they marched across the bridge over the river which marks the border of Livia road they cheered the French and shouted greetings at their guards.

They gathered in an open field ready to be formally checked in, but a few minutes later the French-Chinese Post and was well known in Central China. He is survived by his wife and step-daughter, both of whom are in Kuling and have been unable to leave owing to the military situation.

Mr. Grant was a native of Woolwich, England.—Reuter.

Evacuation From Kuling Discussed

Shanghai, Feb. 9.
Deliberations concerning the evacuation of foreigners from Kuling are to be held on Friday at Kuling between the British, United States, and Japanese authorities.

The United States gunboat Oahu, with the British and American vice-consuls aboard, arrived at Kuling from Hankow to-day.—Trans-Ocean.

Schacht To Leave On World Tour

Berlin, Feb. 9.
Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, will shortly make a trip around the world in an entirely private capacity, says a report.—Trans-Ocean.

OBITUARY

Former Japanese Chief Of General Staff

Atomi, Feb. 9.

Admiral Hirohuru Kato, retired, former Chief of the Naval General Staff, who had an attack of cerebral palsy on February 3 at his home in the spa of Atami near Tokyo, died this morning. He was 69 years old. He had been staying at his villa since January 8 writing his memoirs of the London Naval Conference.

Among the highlights of the long and distinguished career of Admiral Kato, who was often called the "Stormy Petrel" of the Japanese Navy, was his attendance at the Washington Naval Limitation Conference of 1921, when, as rear-admiral, he headed the Japanese Navy, was his attendance at the Washington Naval Limitation Conference of 1921, when, as rear-admiral, he headed the Japanese Navy, was his attendance at the Washington Naval Limitation Conference of 1921, when, as rear-admiral, he headed the Japanese Navy.

During the London Naval Conference of 1930, Admiral "Kanj" Kato, as he was popularly known then Chief of Naval General Staff, opposed Japan's participation. He was supported in his stand by Vice-Admiral Suetsugu, now retired, who was recently Home Minister in the Konohe Cabinet.

Overriding Admiral Kato's opposition, the then Premier, Mr. Yui Hamaguchi, submitted the proposals of the Conference for Imperial sanction. Admiral Kato is reported thereupon to have proceeded to the Imperial Palace to plead that the decisions of the London Naval Conference would impair Japan's defenses.

Again Admiral Kato failed to win his point. The Admiral completed his memoirs on the night of February 7 when he jokingly remarked to his family, "I have finished all my work. Now I can die happily." Early next morning while taking his bath he was seized with the apoplectic stroke, which proved fatal.

Born in 1871, Admiral Kato graduated from the Naval Academy in 1890 and obtained his commission as sub-lieutenant in the following year.

Posts held by him during his career included Naval Attaché to the Court of St. James, Private Secretary to the Navy Minister, Commander of the Tokuha and the Ibuli, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Squadron at Vladivostok, Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleet and Chief of Naval General Staff. He retired several years ago.—Domei.

MR. A. M. G. GRANT

Shanghai, Feb. 9.
The death occurred to-day of Mr. A. M. G. Grant, 58, who had been formerly connected with the Central China Post and was well known in Central China. He is survived by his wife and step-daughter, both of whom are in Kuling and have been unable to leave owing to the military situation.

Mr. Grant was a native of Woolwich, England.—Reuter.

DR. T. IKEDA

Tokyo, Feb. 9.
Dr. Torajiro Ikeda, President of the Supreme Court, died of pneumonia at his residence in Tokyo this morning at the age of 60.—Domei.

Schacht To Leave On World Tour

Berlin, Feb. 9.
Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, will shortly make a trip around the world in an entirely private capacity, says a report.—Trans-Ocean.

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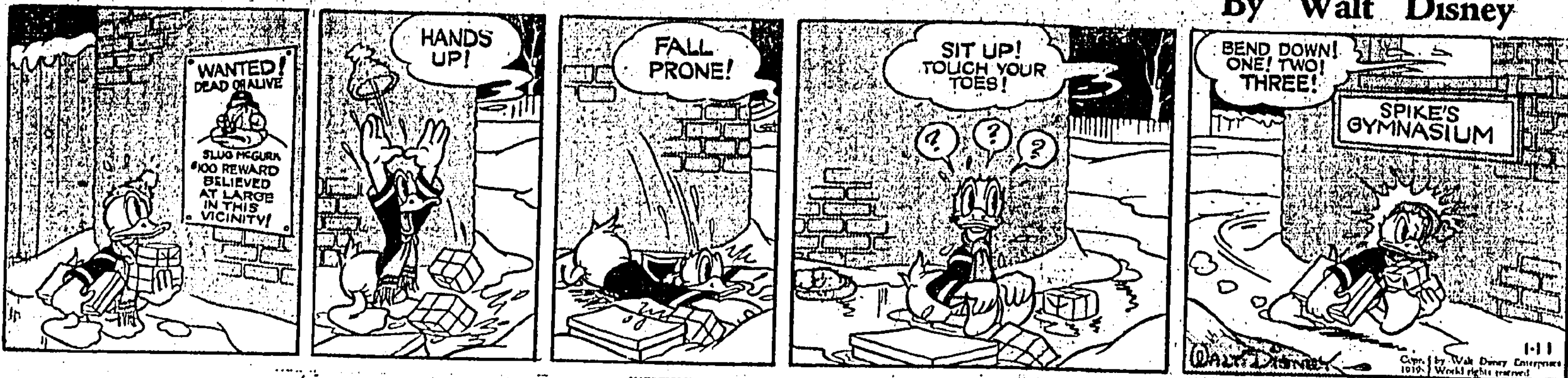
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Japan and Shanghai	Bchar	February 10.
Amoy	Cremer	February 10.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 21st Jan.)	Emp. of Russia	February 10.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 12th January	Hakone Maru	February 10.
Swatow	Ninghai	February 10.
Manila	Fres. Coolidge	February 10.
Java	Tjibadak	February 10.
Japan and Shanghai	Gneisenau	February 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 4th February.	Imperial Airways Plane	February 11.
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	February 11.
Saigon	Laos	February 11.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Shinling	February 11.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 3rd February.	Pan American Airways Plane	February 12.
Manila	Stentor	February 12.
Japan	Tango Maru	February 12.
Straits	Anhui	February 13.
Java and Manila	Tjlsadane	February 13.
Shanghai	Glenagarry	February 14.
Straits, Manila and London	Memnon	February 14.
London date, 5th January	Talma	February 14.
Calcutta and Straits	Asama Maru	February 15.
Japan	Asama Maru	February 15.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 8th February.	Imperial Airways Plane	February 15.
Shanghai	Lima Maru	February 15.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 21st January)	Pres. Polk	February 10.
Straits and Europe via Suz (Papers etc.) London date, 10th January and London date, 12th January.	Rawalpindi	February 16.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Friday		
Haiphong	Canton	Fri., Feb. 10, 2 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia	Fri., Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
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	G. P. O.	Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
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Haiphong	Yusang	Fri., Feb. 10, 7.00 p.m.
Saturday		
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Hakone Maru	Sat., Feb. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	Sat., Feb. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Katori Maru"	K.L.M. Airways Katori Maru	Sat., Feb. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 21st February.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Feb. 11, 8.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Feb. 11, 10 a.m.
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Katori Maru	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Feb. 11, 9.45 a.m.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 12th March.	Reg.	Feb. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow	Mulman	Sat., Feb. 11, 11.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Kiangsu	Sat., Feb. 11, Noon.
Amoy	Prominent	Sat., Feb. 11, 3.30 p.m.
Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Gneisenau	Sat., Feb. 11, 4.30 p.m.
Papers only for Straits and (Parcels Tlawa)	Parcels	Sat., Feb. 11, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Pres. Polk	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Sat., Feb. 11, 4.30 p.m.
C. and S. America via San Francisco and (Parcels only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 2nd March.	Reg.	Feb. 11, 4.15 p.m.
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Amoy	Tjibadak	Sat., Feb. 11, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" due San Francisco, 20th February	Pan American Airways Plane	Sat., Feb. 11, 5 p.m.
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1889.
 America has agreed to a conference upon the state of Samoa and has recalled the Consul who has divergent views from the Government. Meantime Germany will abstain from acts of warfare.

We have the best authority for stating that the Panya Reclamation Scheme will be carried out on the basis of the original agreement with a few modifications, entered into by the local Government and the Marine lot holders, a decision to that effect having been arrived at by the Executive Council on Saturday afternoon. We shall shortly be in a position to give full particulars of this important measure.

Bye and bye Hongkong will be as full of lawyers as a dog is of ticks. There are about nineteen English solicitors, besides half-a-dozen barristers, &c., and still some born fool at home keeps shipping them out. The latest addition to the ranks of the "Devil's Own" is a bashful young gentleman named Prynn. Mr. Prynn is going to be with Mr. Holmes. At the urgent request of the Attorney-General he was this morning put upon the list and anybody now asking him how he likes Hongkong is liable to get a bill for \$25 for legal opinions.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1914.
 A "split" has occurred in the ranks of the militant suffragists.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst has seceded from the Women's Social and Political Union, which will be directed by her mother and Miss Christabel Pankhurst. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst forming her own organisation in the East End.

Members of the Houses of Parliament are flocking to London for "the most momentous session in history." The light begins immediately after the King's Speech, the first shot to be fired being an Opposition amendment in both Houses. "Retreating that the Government does not intend to consult the country in regard to Home Rule."

Reporting Progress: by Ritchie Calder

TELEVISION TO SAVE YOUR EYES

TELEVISION waves are being used to cure eye-trouble.

Recently at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital I was shown a specially designed short wave generator, like a glorified wireless set, being used for the treatment of inflamed and ulcerated eyes.

This condition is becoming more and more frequent in the strained conditions of modern life. It is particularly common among children who are undernourished and who get insufficient sunshine.

And to counteract it, the eye hospital has enlisted the healing powers of wireless. The wave-length is the same as for television, just slightly above that used by the B.B.C., so that the instrument should not interfere with Alexandra Palace.

The patient lies on a couch, one electrode under the pillow. Wooden frame support two other electrodes, one for each eye, covered with soft pads which press lightly on the eyes.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1929.
 A first rate entertainment was provided at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, last night, when an enjoyable variety programme was submitted by "The Quakers" concert party under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

These contributing were Mr. Braddon, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. White, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Finch, Mr. Walling, Mr. Steward, Mr. Gould, Mr. Greenbank, "The Erbs," Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Ives Snellings.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1934.
 The Nanking Municipal authorities are taking every possible step to discourage the observance of the Lunar New Year. All tokens of celebration including the displaying of flags and the firing of crackers are to be prohibited. Shops have been advised by the police not to suspend business during the Lunar New Year days.

Hongkong yachtsmen will be interested to know that the Hongkong yacht Palmashan, manned by a party of naval officers, has resumed her journey to England and has by now passed through the Panama Canal.

Short waves penetrate the eye, and without discomfort produce a healing warmth which gradually clears up the infection.

LONGER waves are produced by another machine for the relief of glaucoma, a disease of the eye-balls.

These waves reduce the painful pressure within the eye-ball, which without operation would eventually lead to blindness.

This treatment is sometimes used in conjunction with a surgical operation but in certain cases the wireless waves can dispense with the need for surgery.

SINCE so many eye complaints are due to the patient being run down, and thus liable to infection, ultra-violet light treatment is given to the eyes.

Those who associate ultra-violet treatment with clinics where "artificial sunlight" is given only when the eyes are protected with dark glasses, may be surprised at this.

But at the eye hospital, by means of a delicate screening device, the short ultra-violet waves which would damage the eyes are shut off and only the longer, beneficial rays reach the eyes.

The number of patients now being treated by these methods is increasing so much that the department will have to be extended.

GENERAL ELECTIONS

Said to Have Been Fixed
For October

London, Feb. 5.
 According to the Sunday Chronicle, Mr. Neville Chamberlain has decided that general elections will be held next October.

The Prime Minister, the paper added, believes that he will then be in a position to announce Britain's superiority over Germany in armaments and aviation, an improvement in trade, the complete elaboration of plans for passive defence, the return of agricultural prosperity, and the certainty that there will be a sufficient supply of foodstuffs in the event of a war.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

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Radio Programme Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a Frequency of 845 k.c.s. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-11 p.m. on 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

11. K. T.
 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Moreton and Kaye (Two Planos) and Maria de Pietro (Banjo). Midnight in Mayfair (Newell Chase); Four Hands On A Piano (Moreton-Kaye); Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye on two Planos with Mazur (Borowski); Keyboard Kapors (Steele); Mario de Pietro (Banjo); Tin Pan Alley Medley; Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye on two Planos with string bass and drums; The Moon Of Manakora—Waltz (film "The Hurricane"); Cuore Vagabondo—Tango; Mario de Pietro and His Estudiantina with Vocal Refrain; Quickstep Medley; Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye on two Planos with string bass and drums.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and The Massed Bands.

March Of The King's Men (Plater); Song Of The Marines (arr. Mackenzie); Grand Massed Bands Festival 1938, cond. by C. A. Anderson Ltd.; The Windy Road (Araby and Andrew); The Man In The Street (Longstaffe); Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra; Grand March "Le Prophete" (Meyerbeer, arr. Reynolds); Sing A Song (Iles).

Massed Bands cond. by J. Henry lies at the National Band Festival, Crystal Palace, September, 1935; Waita Poi (Hill); Walking Matilda (Cowan, arr. Wood); Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra and Chorus; Hipp, Hopp, Hurray!—March (Kunoth); Massed Military Bands.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Marek Weber and His Orchestra with Maria Eggerth (Soprano). Drinking Song (Schumann); Marek Weber and His Orchestra and Male Quartet; Before I Found You (film "Love's Melody"); Was It Your Smile (Stollberg); Maria Eggerth (Soprano) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Spring Song (Mendelssohn); Simple Aveu (Thome); Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) September in the Rain; (b) Take another-guess; (c) Where the lazy river goes by; (d) Swing high, Swing low.

Piano Recital by Nura Kanis from the Studio

B.B.C. VARIETY

8.14 Record: "On Top Of A Bus (Carr-Arden); We Agree" Perfectly (David-Coots); Len Berman (Vocal) with Orchestra and Step-Dancing by Len Berman.

8.21 (a) At your beck and call; (b) When Pa was courtin' Ma; (c) Meet the beat of my heart (d) Pied Piper of Hamelin Town.

8.35 Records: Ninette (Maud); A Japanese Sunset (Deppen); R. E. McPherson playing on the Organ of New Empire Cinema, London, with Violin; Stay Close To Me—Waltz (film "Mazurka"); Fred Stein (Piano).

8.44 (a) I can't escape from you; (b) Swingalonga; (c) Basin's Street Blues; (d) Embassy Stamp.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Todd Duncan, Josephine Baker and Cab Calloway and His Orchestra. Chinese Rhythm—Fox-Trot; Weakness—Fox-Trot; Cab Calloway and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus by Cab Calloway; River God (from The Sun Never Sets)—Cole Porter; Cole Porter; Todd Duncan (Vocal) with The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra cond. by Charles Prentice; Copper Coloured Gal—Fox-Trot; Cab Calloway and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Supposel (Dixon and Dimon); Pretty Little Baby (Baker and Bernie); Josephine Baker (Vocal) with Orchestra; Nagasaki—Fox-Trot; I Ain't Got Nobody—Fox-Trot; Cab Calloway and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

7.30 Otto Dobrindt and His Orchestra.

Sleeping Beauty's Bridal Procession (Max Rhode); In A Clock Store (Chas. J. Orth); Otto Dobrindt and His Concert Orchestra; Suite De Danse (Kunneke); Intermezzo; Valse.

10.40 Debroy Somers and His Band.

Irving Berlin Waltz Songs—Medley with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan; Memories Of Horatio Nicholls with Vocal Chorus.

11.00 Close Down.

News Is Knowledge

STUDY the news and add to your knowledge of men and affairs. This feature, based on the news of the day, helps to explain interesting items to you:—

Q.—Where are scientists trying to breed a type of cat which will be a perfect "mouse" trap?
 A.—In Germany. Dr. Kurt Schenemann, of the German Peasants' League, is working with scientists to produce a breed of cat "which will show special ability in destroying mice and rats."
 Q.—What is going to happen to the wandering tribesmen of the Libyan Desert?
 A.—The Italian Government plans to build five villages for them in Libya and compel them to abandon their nomadic mode of life. The scheme is part of Italy's 1939 programme for colonising Libya.
 Q.—What Italian troops are fighting for Franco in Spain?
 A.—Six Italian Divisions. They are the Littorio, whose commander arrived in Spain early December; Black Arrow, commanded by General Pichone; Green Arrow, under General Badoglio; Blue Arrow; Black Flame; March 23rd Division. All are under High Command of General Cambria, who recently replaced General Berli.

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TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S

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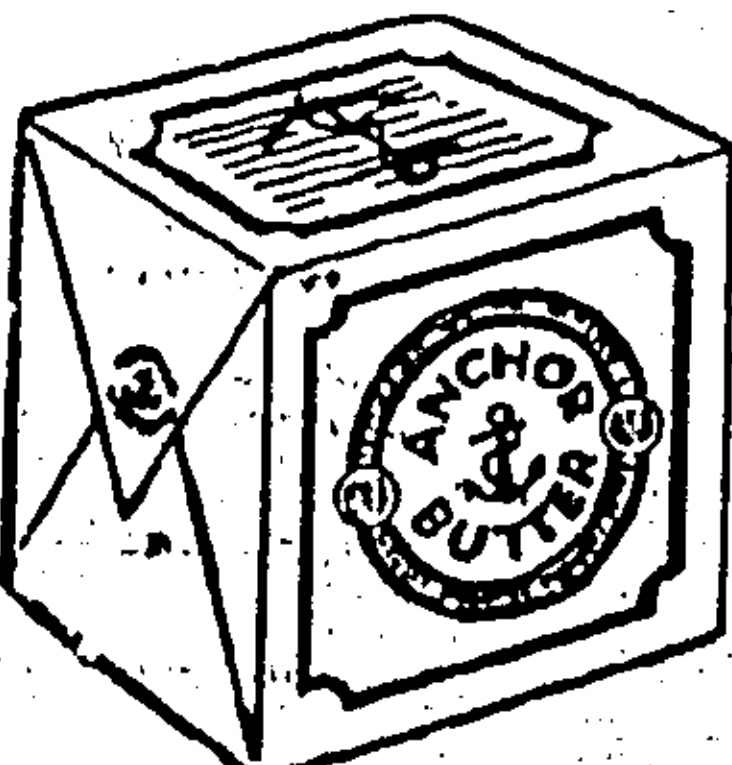
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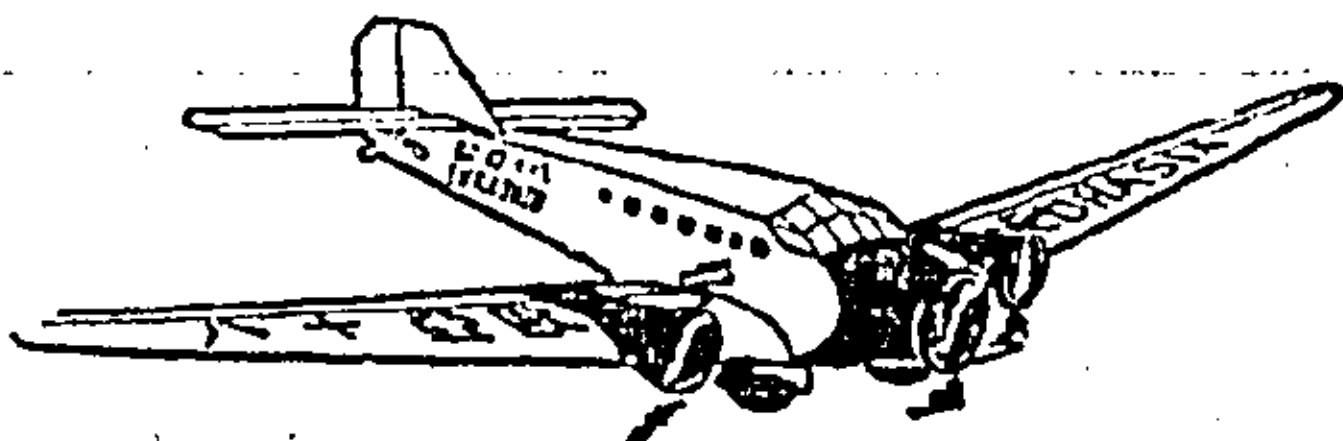
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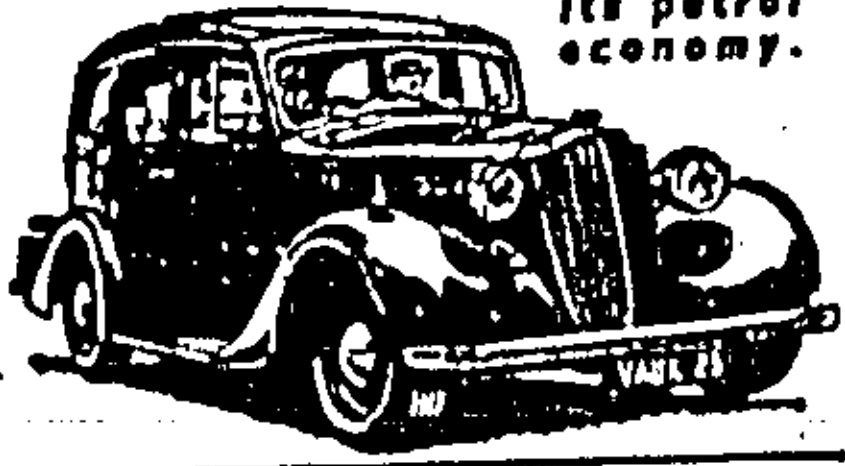
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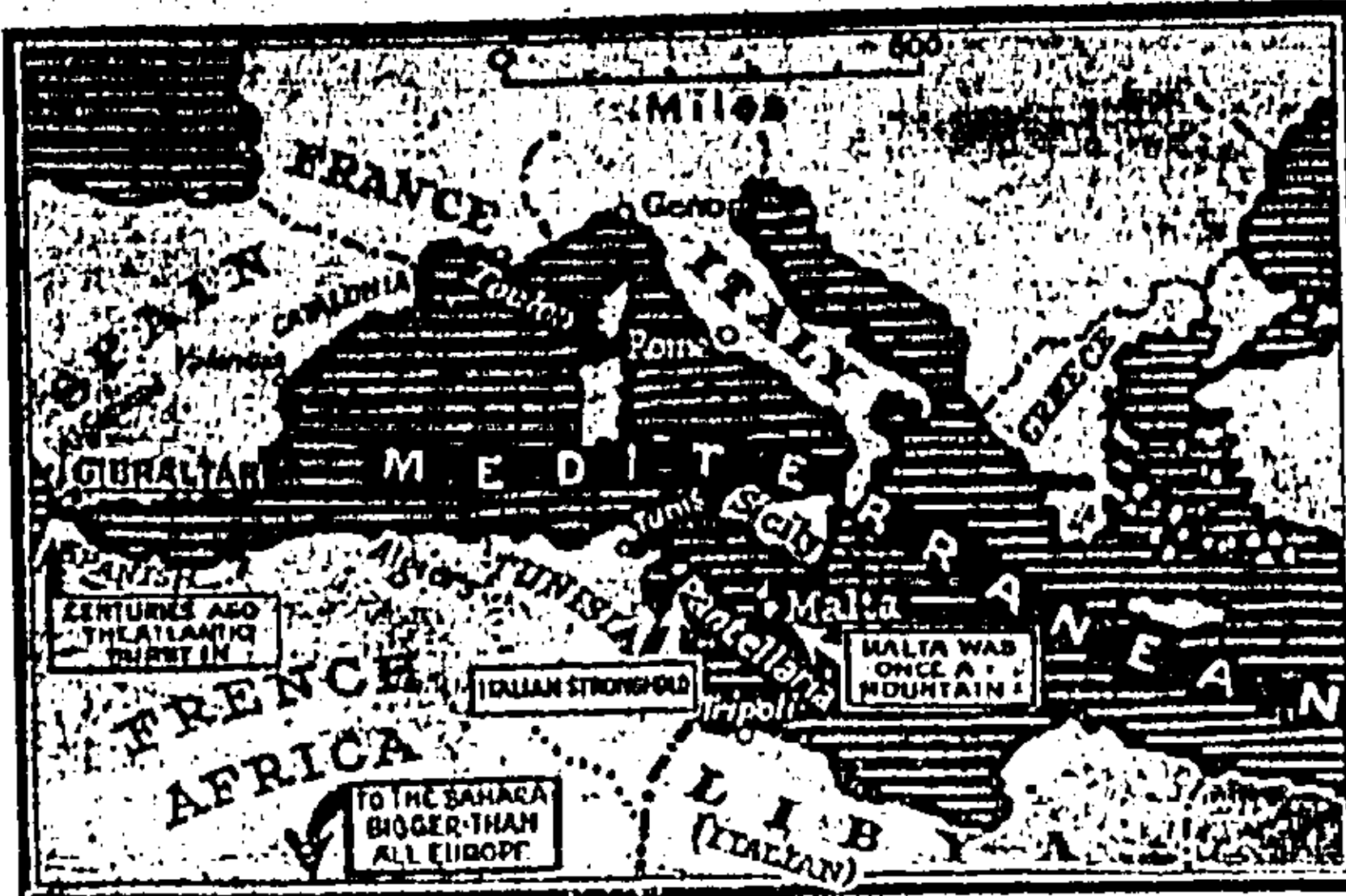
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No Safety In Isolation

By contemporary European standards the programme which the Military Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday approved to Congress for defence is comparatively modest. The Committee has approved President Roosevelt's request for a total appropriation, over and above the ordinary defence budget, of £105,000,000, of which £42,000,000 is to be expended by the middle of next year. What is chiefly noteworthy about this expenditure is not the amount but the object, which is to improve the effectiveness of the United States defences in meeting a sudden emergency.

President Roosevelt, it will be recalled, recently reminded Congress that it was 14 months after the entry of America into the last war before she was ready to take part in a major engagement. Thanks to the rapid development more especially of the air weapon, no such respite for preparation could be counted on in a future war. In this new situation the existing defence forces of the United States may be found somewhat inadequate and there is some reason on insistence for immediate action.

Only very recently and with difficulty has it been brought home to the people of Great Britain that modern conditions have shattered their age-long geographical immunity from attack. From being one of the least vulnerable islands Great Britain has become in the course of a few years one of the most vulnerable countries in the world. The United States, though a good deal farther away from probable centres of aggression, is no longer so far away that she can continue to presume upon the protection of distance alone. Such is the expanding range, speed and capacity of the aeroplane that if she is not yet accessible to the bomber to-day she may be to-morrow. She finds herself faced as never before with the risk of attack from other continents. Concurrently with the vast increase in the means of attack has grown the disposition to use them. Technical and political considerations alike are compelling her willy-nilly to abandon her dream of comfortable isolation.



A Little Lesson In Geography

READERS MAY recall reading the other day about the bristling batteries of guns that command the approach to Tunisia from the north-east.

The night I wrote that article we pulled our chairs nearer to the fire and talked.

What! you exclaim; fires in Africa? Of course there are. Africa, you know, is just a cold country with a hot sun.

Well, we began to talk of the Mediterranean scene, this strange and dangerous sea which was once most undoubtedly the cradle of civilisation, and I began to realise what a lot there is we do not know about the "Middle of the Earth," or the Middle Sea.

How Big is the Sahara?

WE unrolled a map and began to check up distances; how near is this to that; how far from shore to shore. Then we realised that in these days of long-range guns, swift sea or land planes, wireless telegraphy, and silent-moving submarines, distance was, in terms of naval warfare, almost eliminated.

To say that the area of this place is so many thousands of square miles means very little; nothing but many figures. Now look at geography from another angle and you will find how staggering comparative size may be.

Ask yourself this question: "How big is the Sahara?" You know it is "very big," but did you know that it is bigger than Europe?

Down towards the south of the Sahara is Lake Tchad. It does not look very large on the map and is close to that queerly named place Timbuctoo.

All-French Route

DO you know, have you any idea of, the size of Lake Tchad? I can tell you that this lake is approximately the same area as Belgium, and it takes a motor-boat capable of doing 13 knots two days to cross the lake. I happen to know this because two French explorer friends of mine are starting a motor-boat service across the lake next Sunday.

Previously, travellers had to go through British Nigeria to reach Timbuctoo. The new route is "all French."

Just another proof of what Mr. Chamberlain found in Paris this week: that our neighbours have suddenly become Empire-conscious.

Mr. Chamberlain is in Rome, actually 15 miles from the Mediterranean. The port of Ostia is the nearest to Rome.

We in England regard the Mediterranean as a pleasant place for cruising, sun bathing, or whence to escape the rigours of our winter. Even if the Premier was not conscious of it, Signor Mussolini would quickly call attention to the one big Mediterranean problem, as Italy sees it.

The Duce once said that Italy must regard herself as an island in the Mediterranean; there you have the Italian side of the question in a nutshell.

Britain's Lifeline

THE "Middle Sea" to Britain means a lifeline, vital marine communications. To France it means a piece of water across which she must bring black troops from Africa; hundreds and hundreds of thousands of them.

Now, Mussolini is a former journalist—he was a fellow-reporter of mine at the Cannes Conference—and I feel sure he sees the Mediterranean not only in terms of shrunken geography but in vivid pictures.

History, history, history; half the history of the world around those shores on which the tide scarcely moves.

Let us go back, back to the beginning of things. Hundreds of thousands of years ago, what we to-day call the Mediterranean was a marshy swamp, with huge tracts of forest land. Here prehistoric man dwelt with the wild beasts.

Scientists tell us that these men were veritable giants, and strong, like the Biblical Goliath. They hunted the animals for their meat and their skins. Life continued thus until Mother Nature took a hand.

Look for a moment at the left-hand corner of the map of the Mediterranean. You will notice how close Africa is to Europe here. So near is it that I have stood in Algiers and with the naked eye seen the mosques and gleaming white houses of Tangier.

Then there came the day, countless centuries ago, when the barrier which kept the Atlantic Ocean out of the swampy land where prehistoric man chased wild horses, broke, and the waters rushed in. That is how the Mediterranean became a sea, a very dangerous sea.

Of course, there were mountains high enough to keep their heads out of the swirling waters. Those mountains are there to-day. Very likely when you were cruising you visited them.

Didn't you know they were mountains? They are; Malta and Cyprus, for instance.

Island Stronghold

OTHER Mediterranean islands may be volcanic, thrown up long after the Atlantic rushed in. One such island has recently come into the news. I mean the island of Pantellaria, an Italian stronghold, a few minutes' flying from those bristling batteries of French guns I mentioned earlier.

What pages of momentous history! Try to imagine a day when Napoleon Bonaparte was embarking at Toulon for Egypt. The "Little Corporal" was in an evil mood. The Government had wished him to invade England, and as this was not considered feasible Napoleon had decided to seize Egypt as a jumping-off ground for the invasion of India.

Napoleon was moody because Nelson was in the Mediterranean, and it was not safe; also his wife would not accompany him to Egypt; also there was a great storm which held up the sailing for several days. Then the skies cleared. Napoleon sailed—and as an afterthought

World slanging match up to date

THE world is not at war—but there is a perpetual world war of words these days, you will have noticed.

Here is a list of quotations taken from statements and speeches by world leaders during the past twelve months. In perspective they show a remarkable increase in frequency and frankness.

February 12, 1938: Article in officially approved Italian newspaper *Il Regime Fascista*: "The tension between Great Britain and Italy is far more acute than is generally supposed. Our opinion will not change until London's foreign policy ceases to be directed by Mr. Eden. In many speeches and on many occasions he has shown his poisonous attitude of mind towards Italy."

February 20: Mr. Eden resigns.

September 28: Dr. Goebbels speaks in the Lustgarten, Berlin: "It is a shameless provocation on the part of Benes to plunge Europe into a bloody conflict. He places his trust in Moscow or in the warmongers of Paris or London."

October 5: Dr. Benes resigns.

November 7: Herschel Peibell Grunspan shoots Ernst vom Rath, third secretary at the German Embassy in Paris.

November 8: Dr. Goebbels's paper, the *Anglist*, published photograph of Churchill, Duff Cooper and Jewish assassins, such as Grynald and David Frankfurter, who shot Dr. Gustloff, leader of the German Nazis in Switzerland, in 1936. The statesmen were shown as "the men who provoked others to murder."

November 14: British "Charge

stopped off at Malta long enough to capture the island.

Then came Nelson, the end of the Egyptian campaign, the Battle of Trafalgar, and a long era of peace in the Mediterranean. My space is running out. Let us give the kaleidoscope a quick turn round. Here are the Moors crossing the sea to subdue Spain. Another twist: here are the Moors going back to Spain, but this time as hired mercenaries to fight for France.

They've Tried to Rule It

PERHAPS, while Mr. Chamberlain stays in the Eternal City he will remember the dangerous things that have happened in the place which cradled the civilisation we know.

Pirates and merchantmen fought, but the sea was made safe again for commerce. Turks and Spaniards have ruled the Mediterranean, and also those old Romans.

Men have come down from the North to cross into Africa and try to rule it, and twice Africa has crossed to the northern shores. Three continents—Europe, Africa, and Asia—meet on the Mediterranean.

Its possibilities for peace or war are great, but let us see to it that this "Middle Sea" is not the grave as well as the cradle of the civilisation we know.

d'Affaires in Berlin protests against the Angrist article.

November 15: President Roosevelt speaks at a Press conference on the plight of the Jews in Germany: "The news of the past few days from Germany has deeply shocked public opinion in the United States. I myself could scarcely believe that such things could occur in twentieth-century civilisation."

November 30: Count Ciano makes a speech in the Chamber of Deputies declaring that the Italian Government's policy would be based on the protection of Italian interest and the "natural aspirations" of the Italian people.

The speech is greeted with shouts from the deputies of "Tunisia" and "Corsica."

December 9: The Lokalanzeiger comments on Lord Baldwin's broadcast appeal on behalf of Jewish refugees: "The speech is the limit of mendacious humanitarian hypocrisy."

His speech is a 100 per cent expression of Anglo-Saxon cant. Anglo-Saxon political insincerity, Anglo-Saxon exploitation of the lachrymatory gland and Anglo-Saxon gutter humanity."

"We must ask of Lord Baldwin that he should not meddle with our affairs like a guttersnipe."

December 13: Mr. Chamberlain speaks at the Foreign Press Association dinner: "I must deplore the recent attitude of the German Press which, in one case, has not scrupled to pour out its vituperation against our most respected statesman, himself only recently the Prime Minister of this country and in few cases has shown much desire to understand our point of view."

December 18: Mr. Harold Ickes, U.S. Minister of the Interior, speaks on totalitarianism: "To seek a true comparison we must return to a period when man was unlettered, benighted and bestial. Certain sections of Europe to-day make it possible for anthropologists to study primitive man without a reconstruction of the social order on the basis of a human jawbone or a few implements used long ago. The intelligence and culture of a humane people has been sunk tracelessly in the thick darkness of pre-primitive times. Witchcraft has been enthroned, and modern dictators have set themselves up as high priests of a more cruel if more refined voodooism."

December 31: The official Nazi paper, *Voelkischer Beobachter*, says: "It is only too obvious that these continual invectives by leading Americans must be attributed to Jewish pressure which has for a long time been strangling the freedom of decision of the present Washington regime."

January 2, 1939: Daladier visits Corsica and is handed a Corsican vendetta dagger by the deputy mayor of Ajaccio. He flourishes it, making a gesture of cutting a throat.

January 4: President Roosevelt speaks at the opening of Congress: "We, no more than other nations, can afford to be surrounded by the enemies of our faith and of our humanity. We cannot safely be indifferent to international lawlessness anywhere."

January 5: German official news agency comments on President Roosevelt's speech: "Roosevelt's accusations against Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, even in the mouth of a head of the State, did not change their character as exceptionally stupid and dirty untruths."

To be, as the serials reassuringly say, continued in our next, no doubt.

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Spanish War

Loyalists May Cry Halt

Franco Makes Pledges

Le Perthus, Feb. 9. Dr. Juan Negrin is reported to be ready to fly to Madrid to decide whether to continue the Loyalist resistance and carry on the 30 months' war which has taken 1,000,000 lives might be reached before night fall to-morrow.

Rumours are circulating in Paris that General Jose Milla, who commands the 500,000 troops in the Madrid-Valencia zone, has begun direct negotiations seeking an armistice.

Other diplomats are saying: "Fight to the last man."

Senor del Vayo met British and French diplomats in Paris and it is reported that he told them the question will be decided as soon as the evacuation of Catalonia is complete.

—United Press.

GIBRALTAR REFUGEES

Gibraltar, Feb. 9. The number of refugees at Gibraltar is increasing so rapidly that resident permits granted will be withdrawn and refugees will be returned to either side in Spain at the expense of the British Government. Gibraltar is so overcrowded that there is fear it might cause epidemics. —Reuter Bulletin.

TROOPS CROSS FRONTIER

Le Perthus, Feb. 9. All night long trucks loaded with soldiers and munitions moved over the frontier. These represented the vanguards of the last Loyalist army in Catalonia. Rumbings of far off explosions on the Spanish side were audible as the bridges and highway were blown up behind the retreating army. The 20th division retreating from Pulecra dynamited the army barracks, bridges and other buildings, provoking a protest from the French authorities because the explosions were so heavy that buildings at Bourgnadame were damaged. —United Press.

MOVES BY ROJO

Paris, Feb. 9. Gen. Rojo threw at least two corps of the army of the Ebro across the Le Perthus road at Junquera in an effort to halt Franco's troops for a few hours to enable Dr. Negrin to resume the Government consultations and finally decide whether to fight or surrender.

Eight miles south of the frontier Gen. Rojo deployed Lt.-Col. Lister's 15th corps and Col. Tagoya's fifth corps under Modesto's general command. Some 40,000 Loyalist troops remain in Catalonia as a screen for final evacuation.

Senor Alvarez del Vayo, receiving the press at his modest house in Le Perthus where the whole Government is gathered, said that everything was not lost. The southern zone had not surrendered and was not asking for a separate peace. The Loyalist Government was willing to halt the war on condition that the safety of all was assured, the foreigners quit Spain immediately and the people allowed to decide by plebiscite the form of government they desired. —United Press.

FRANCO'S PLEDGES

London, Feb. 9. The French representative, M. Leon Berard, has returned from his visit to Burgos. It is understood that he brought back a number of assurances from Gen. Franco including an offer to take back Loyalist refugees without reprisal, grant an amnesty for soldiers except those who are offenders against the common law, and accept for safe keeping the art treasures of the Spanish people.

The French press advocates recognition of the Franco Government by the despatch of an Ambassador to Burgos. —Reuter Bulletin.

MINORCA FEARS

London, Feb. 9. A representative of Gen. Franco has arrived in Minorca aboard the British warship Devonshire to discuss the surrender of the island by the Loyalists to the Insurgents. The island, which is strongly fortified, has been held by the Loyalists since the beginning of the war. The inhabitants of the island fear an imminent attack by Franco whose planes recently dropped pamphlets declaring that the island will be bombed from the air.

H.M.S. Devonshire will leave Minorca with 450 refugees, her destination being unknown. —Reuter Bulletin.

AZANA IN PARIS

Paris, Feb. 9. The Spanish President, Senor Manuel Azana, arrived here at 6.40 a.m. and went direct to the Spanish Embassy. —United Press.

MAN GOES BY PARCEL POST

THE HAGUE. Packed neatly in a large and correctly labelled case, an Englishman arrived safely in Amsterdam from London by parcel post on board a machine of the International Air Freight, Ltd.

Palestine

Delegates Still Not Reconciled

London, Feb. 9. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald has made a further effort to resolve the differences between the Arab delegations. Although he has not given up hope of agreement by the Arabs to constitute one delegation early to-day, prospects of reconciliation appear remote. In this case the Government will deal with two Arab delegations.

Whether agreement is reached or not the Government intends to hear the case for the Arabs this afternoon. —Reuter Bulletin.

PALESTINE DISORDERS

Jerusalem, Feb. 9. Following a shooting incident in which a member of the Mutt's family was involved, a day curfew has been imposed in the old city of Jerusalem.

Troops searched 22 Arab villages in central Palestine. A clash with armed Arabs at one place resulted in heavy casualties among the Arabs. —Reuter Special.

Russo-Japanese Tension

The Fisheries Dispute: Press Appeal

Tokyo, Feb. 9. The Asahi Shimbun, in an editorial to-day, states that the Soviet should be prepared to bear entire responsibility for possible results of the Japanese-Soviet fishery dispute.

The paper endorsed the strong resolution introduced in the Diet yesterday to which it added, "We cannot but hope the Soviet will undertake to find a solution of the problem by considering its position in the world and assuming a reasonable attitude. If they take such a perverse attitude as to insist on action in connection with fixed fishery lots it will be contrary to their policies of planned economy. If they introduce problems relating to Manchukuo at this juncture it will only serve to wake a sleeping dog."

The paper pointed out that the Diet resolution urged the Government to prepare for "the worst contingency."

In view of the nearness of March 15, the date on which the lots are scheduled to be auctioned, the paper appealed to the Russia to "clear away the dark clouds of discord between the two countries." —United Press.

SUGAR MILL FIRE

Large Area Laid Waste In Philippines

Manila, Feb. 9. Damage to the extent of 1,500,000 pesos was done to-day when for four hours flames licked up a large area of the suburbs of San Fernando, capital of Pampanga province, rich sugar district. Several thousand sugar mill workers and farmers are idle and 3,000 are homeless.

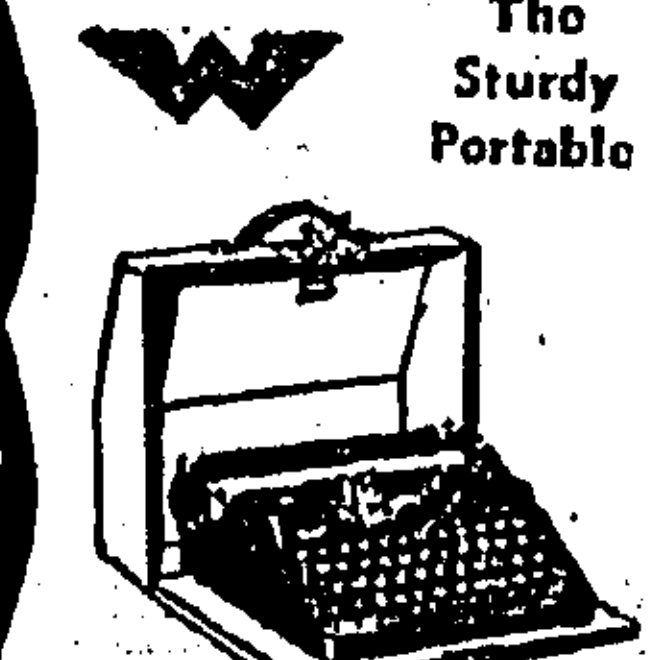
The fire broke out in the market place and quickly spread to the sundried buildings where it was checked.

Among the buildings consumed by the flames was the ancient cathedral, built by the Spaniards, old Filipino landmarks and large Chinese bakeries and hardware stores. Tens of thousands are crammed with refugees, rescue workers and newsmen.

The possibility of incendiarism is by no means discarded, owing to the disgruntled condition of the farmers who resent the constabulary patrols breaking up their gatherings. Tension was increased last night when reinforcements were despatched to the affected area. The farmers are apparently dissatisfied with the enforced terms of the strike settlement, although mill workers have agreed to return to their jobs. The situation was ugly enough to make the President, Manuel Quezon, decide to visit the area shortly and make a direct appeal to the strikers. —Reuter.

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Three Cars In Smash

Three cars were involved in a smash opposite the Hongkong entrance to the Star Ferry about 1 o'clock this morning. A small car containing three European men turned from Ice House Street into Connaught Road and crashed into cars parked side by side in front of the O.S.K. premises. All three cars were damaged, but no-one was injured.

The War In China

Japan's Difficulties Discussed

Victory Far Off Says Lecturer

Under three headings—the growing anti-Japanese opinion abroad, Japan's increasing economic strain, and stiffening of resistance in occupied Chinese territory—Dr. S. Lauten-Schlager, acting Dean of the Department of Social Sciences at Lingnan University, yesterday gave a talk at the St. Francis Hotel to members of the Y's Men's Club on "The Future of the Sino-Japanese War."

No country has been so universally condemned as has Japan, protests resulting not in reduced aggression but in an enlarging of the sphere of activities in China, said the speaker, while indignation has been repeatedly aroused by reports of excesses committed by the invading force. Finally, for economic reasons and a growing apprehension regarding the future "open door" policy in China, world Powers are taking a progressively strong anti-Japanese stand.

In the economic field, said Dr. Lauten-Schlager, Japan's sacrifices have far outstripped China's losses, more especially as it becomes apparent that China is still able to raise large sums overseas to carry on her resistance. "The scorched earth" policy, too, has meant that in the areas occupied by Japan the economic basis for profit has been destroyed.

Time works for China, declared the speaker, and while a vast army is stationed in occupied China, necessary reconstruction cannot proceed.

A New China

The speaker pointed out that both the Communists and the Muslims in the North-West are for China, while in the West a new and better China is being developed in that direction by better class families, thus hastening both economic and national development.

Looking to the future, Dr. Lauten-Schlager declared his belief that China will fight on, the fact that without having to face defections the Chinese Government was able to resist itself after the loss of Canton and Hankow proving that China's spirit is unbroken.

"With Chinese loyalty rallying to the Generalissimo with world opinion rallying to China, with international tension growing, with economic strain increasing, and with Chinese resistance stiffening, it is not likely that the Japanese military can go on to conquer the vast territories and the organized millions of the West and South-West. It is even extremely doubtful whether Japan can really subdue and consolidate the territories she has already partially occupied but has not been able to conquer," concluded the speaker.

SUIYUAN MONGOLS Support China in Her War With Japan

Chungking, Feb. 9. The Mongols in Suiyuan are unanimous in their support of the National Government, declared Prince Sha, Chairman of the Suiyuan Mongolian Political Council, who arrived here from Shensi by plane yesterday.

The Mongolian prince was accompanied by his wife and son and was greeted at the airport by representatives of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan, Mr. Yu Chung-hsin, Chairman of the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission, and General Ho Yao-tsu, former Minister to Turkey.

Prince Sha said that in coming to Chungking to assume the post of State Councillor and to submit a report on the Mongolian political affairs in Suiyuan to the Central authorities. He said that the Mongolian people in Suiyuan are loyal to the National Government and are eager to fight for the country. He revealed that able-bodied men in the Yehje Lo League and other places are undergoing a rigid military training.

The Mongolian Prince expressed the hope that the National Government will improve the political administration in Suiyuan. —Central News.

Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

fulfillment pillminto
frutillerer kill-joy
pillulous killowat

English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9.

14 Year-Old Girl In Sordid Court Case

Closely Questioned By Counsel

Miss Harrop Gives Evidence

Disclosures of the methods employed in engaging prostitutes were made at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when a man, Wong Kong, 24, unemployed, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest with knowingly living, wholly or in part, on the earnings of prostitution.

Complainant was Tam Lin-chiu, alias Yuet Ming, alias Helen Wong, 14-year-old girl, who is stated to have had a Chinese father and American mother.

The girl, who was one of the Crown's principal witnesses, gave her evidence in Chinese, as she had been living with a Chinese woman, Wong Chat-mui, 45, for some years, and had apparently forgotten her native tongue.

Originally the defendant Wong was charged together with two women, Wong Chat-mui, and Chan Fa-yuen, 52, with exercising control over prostitutes, but the charge was withdrawn yesterday, and a charge of living on the earnings of prostitutes substituted.

The original charges against the women Wong and Chan were also withdrawn. A substituted charge of exercising control over Tam Lin-chiu between December 20, 1938, and January 27, was preferred against Wong, and a similar charge in respect of January 20 was preferred against Chan.

Mr. J. W. Wyatt, Crown Counsel, conducted the case for the prosecution, and Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios represented the man Wong Kong. He pleaded not guilty to the charge.

In the course of cross-examination by Mr. Remedios, the following dialogue took part between him and the complainant, Helen Wong:

On January 27, will you tell the Court exactly how defendant came to be in room No. 208?—He came to visit us. There were several other girls in the room besides myself.

Would it be correct to say he was invited in by Chan Fa-yuen?—He knew we were staying in room No. 208.

Whether he had been invited or not you do not know?—That is before the fact came to make the call for you?—Yes.

If someone was to say that the foki did not call you, but that the telephone call came for a girl, would that be correct?—This customer who had previously engaged me at the Empress Hotel sent the telephone message to say that he would probably be on the fourth floor. I did not receive the call myself.

Who received the call?—Ah Yuen, the amah, did. The telephone is outside room 208.

Did the defendant attend the telephone at any time on his visit on January 27?—He did not.

Will you be able to tell the Court whether the defendant knew where you were going when you left room 208?—He knew I was going up to the fourth floor.

Did he know which room?—He did not.

Did he know the name of the customer?—He did not.

All he knew was that you were going up to the fourth floor?—Yes.

How did he know?—The foki came in while he was sitting in my room.

Sent For by Customer

What did the foki say?—He said "A customer wants to see you on the fourth floor."

Mr. W. Wyatt: Is the telephone on the passage way outside room 208?—It is in a lounge.

How far is the telephone from your room?—About 30 feet away.

When the door is closed, you cannot see who answers the telephone?—That is so.

Can you always hear when someone is answering the telephone?—When it is noisy, it is difficult to hear, but when quiet, one can.

You said the foki came into your room and said a customer wanted you on the fourth floor?—Yes.

Did he mention what room you had to go to?—No.

How did you know the room you had to go to?—When I got upstairs, the foki told me the number of the room and took me in.

How far is that room from the counter?—About 100 feet away.

Have you been up to the fourth floor for a similar purpose on a previous occasion?—Yes.

Which room did you go to on that occasion?—I cannot remember.

Have you been to room 605 before?—No.

Have you been in a room on that floor anywhere near room 605 before?—I have.

How near?—Two or three rooms away.

Evidence of Rakh

Miss P. Harrop, Lady Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, said that "Mr. X" went to see her in her office on January 27. She had seen him before. He gave her certain information, and witness gave him certain instructions. She received a telephone call from him

University To Re-Open

Kunming, Feb. 9. All preparations have been completed by the authorities of the National Chungshan University, Canton, to reopen classes on March 1 next at its new premises at Chengkiang, picturesque town 30 miles south of Kunming.

Mr. Hsiao Kwan-ying, chief secretary of the University, left here for Chengkiang to-day to take charge of affairs there. —Central News.

NEW ORDER IN EAST ASIA

Spiritual Movement In Tokyo

Tokyo, Feb. 9. With the object of perfecting the spiritual preparedness of the nation for the proposed construction of a new order in East Asia, the Government, following to-day's Cabinet Council, has formally decided to reorganize the so-called "National Spiritual Mobilization Movement" parallel to the drives for replenishing national resources and strengthening the general mobilization of material resources.

The draft resolution stressing the importance of the new movement which was approved by the Cabinet meeting to-day indicates that in order to effectuate the new movement, the existing Central League for N.S.G. will be reorganized, while a new joint organ will be established in the Cabinet between the Government and the people for co-ordinating practical measures.

The new Government organ will be known as the "National Spiritual General Mobilization Committee" subject to the direct supervision of the Prime Minister. With the Minister of Education, General Baron Araki, appointed Chairman, the Committee will enlist the service of Government officials concerned, executives of the Central League, members of both Houses of the Diet, and other distinguished characters from various circles.

The Central League, whose regulations and personnel will be drastically reformed, will be commissioned, to put into practice throughout the country the plans determined by the Government Committee.

General affairs of the N.S.G.M. Committee will be handled by the Board of Information of the Cabinet. All prefectural governments in the Empire will be provided with special agencies for enforcing actual measures of the movement in local communities.

The official regulations governing appointment of the Spiritual Mobilization Committee in the Cabinet will be promulgated about February 20, effective immediately. —Domei.

LOCAL ESTATE

Local estate worth \$48,400 was left by the late Mr. Ho Tin-wan, alias Ho Kit-nam, alias Ho Hing, alias Ho Tin, alias Ho Wang-lee, lime merchant, who died at 320 Prince Edward Road, first floor, Kowloon Tong, on September 9 last.

Probate of the will has been granted to Ho Li-shi, widow, and Ho Tak-hing, building contractor.

about 7 p.m. the same day, and went at once to the Asia Hotel with two policemen she picked up at Central Police Station.

She tried to find room 208 on reaching the Hotel, but no assistance was given her. She went up to room 605, which was the only room in that section of the floor with a light in it. She entered the room and found "Mr. X" and Helen. They took her to room 208, which was locked. She knocked on the door, and on it being opened, she entered and found the defendant, a woman and two girls inside. "Mr. X" pointed to Wong and said, "That's the man. Don't let him go."

Defendant said something in reply which witness could not understand. Wong was taken to the Central Police Station by one of the detectives, and witness went to another address to conduct further investigations.

Mr. Forrest asked Mr. Whyatt if any effort had been made to find the foki mentioned. Mr. Whyatt assured his Worship that every effort had been made, but it was very difficult to get assistance from the Hotel in a case of this kind.

Mr. Remedios remarked that the only person who could identify the foki was the girl herself.

His Worship said he would like evidence from the Hotel manager or the person responsible for posting the foki to his duty on the fourth floor.

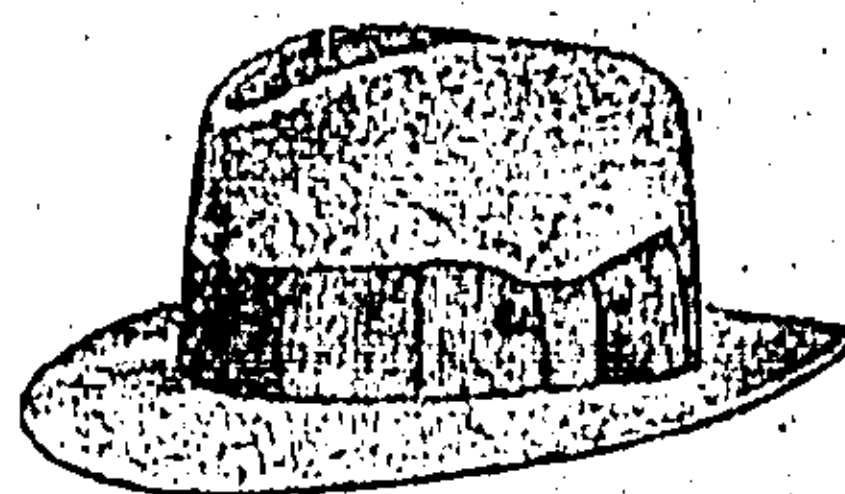
Witness Threatened

Before adjournment, Mr. Whyatt said that he was informed by "Mr. X" that he had been rung up on two occasions on the telephone after the raid had been carried out, and threatened by an anonymous person that he would be assaulted if he took further part in the case. Mr. Whyatt requested his Worship to issue a public warning.

Mr. Forrest said that, apart from any actual harm to the witness, mere threatening was a very serious offence. If any person was found threatening the witness, he would take a very serious view of the matter.

The case was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on February 23. Bail of \$750 was allowed the defendant.

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ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME AT FANLING ON SUNDAY

Grand National Race To Celebrate Its Fourteenth Birthday WHY NOT CALL ONE FENCE "BECHERS"?

(By "Captain Foster")

All the sporting celebrities will no doubt wend their way to Fanling on Sunday when two Grand National Steeplechases (one confined to Australian and the other to China ponies) will be contested at Kwanti racecourse. There are, in addition, the Fox Hunters' Plate (a hurdle race for China ponies, bona fide hunters) and three flat handicap events for Australian and China ponies.

The Stewards of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club are to be congratulated in providing the public with such an attractive programme.

In every hunting country and Point-to-Point course there is at least one fence called "Becher's" and it seems a pity that the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt Club have not as yet thought of naming one of the obstacles as such. There are, of course, other fences called the Canal Turn, Valentine's Brook, etc. At Kwanti racecourse we have only two obstacles, known as the Open Ditch and the Water Jump, and I am sure the reason why some of the fences should not be named after the founders of the Fanling Race Club such as the late H. Birkett, the late Dr. Pierce Grove, W. T. Stanton and E. M. Hazeland, the latter being responsible for the construction of the racecourse. While on the subject they may just as well add the name of H. H. H. The Duke of Kent.

HISTORY OF MEET

It was in 1926 that the inaugural meeting of the Fanling Hunt Club was held on February 15, and in the circumstance the opening event, the Fanling Grand National and Pierce Grove Memorial Cup for China ponies over 1½ miles, celebrates its 14th birthday on Sunday. When the main event was first run in 1926, the major steeplechase was then known as the Fanling National over a course of two miles and to further the interest, H. H. H. Prince George, now Duke of Kent, serving as a naval officer on board H. M. S. Hawkins, kindly donated a handsome silver cup to the winner. It may be added that His Royal Highness was also a keen enthusiast over the sticks and fences, and his nomination, Curlew Dablia, ridden by Lt. Dangersfield in the Hunt Steeplechase over two miles finished among the "Also Rans."

The first classic was won by John Smith and was ridden by Mr. F. A. Follock. There was no change in the conditions of the Fanling National, run in the following year, but in 1928, the distance was lengthened to two and a quarter miles and the big endurance test was named the Fanling Grand National. Two years later the Fanling Club suffered a great loss in the death of their big boss, founder and master, Pierce Grove, and in memory of the interest he had shown and the hard work rendered to the Club, the Stewards thought fit to associate his name with the exclusive major event. From 1930 this terrible strain and stamina contest was known as the Fanling Grand National and Pierce Grove Memorial Cup and I append below a list of winners since the inception in 1926.

Year	Owner	Pony	Jockey	Distance
1926	Mr. H. H. Peterson	John Smith	F. A. Follock	Two miles
1927	K. H. Churn	Enster Day	Capt. Friskine	2½ miles
1928	M. D. Clark	Enster Day	Capt. Friskine	2½ miles
1929	Major B. C. Cooke	As You Like It	A. F. Clarke	2½ miles
1930	Brish (H. Shendon)	As You Like It	C. G. Bullock	2½ miles
1931	W. T. Stanton	Christmas Frolic	R. J. Corbett	2½ miles
1932	W. T. Stanton	Christmas Frolic	W. T. Stanton	2½ miles
1933	L. J. W. Hope	Duke of Milan	J. W. Hope	2½ miles
1934	T. H. G. Drayfield	Hurricane	Jordan	2½ miles
1935	L. J. W. Hope	Pride of Teintong	G. D. Gregory	2½ miles
1936	L. J. W. Hope	Pride of Teintong	D. Black	Two miles
1937	M. H. T.	Digones	Harris	1½ miles
1938	H. H. H. Dowbiggin	Ebony Idol	G. P. Ferguson	1½ miles

DISTANCE SHORTENED

It will be seen that in 1931 the run was over two and a half miles, but the jump was reverted back to 2¼ miles in the following year and in 1935 the distance was shortened by two furlongs. For the last two years the journey was over the Derby course, but on Sunday the contest is over 1½ miles.

It will be recalled that the 1933 Grand National drew only three starters, namely, Christmas Frolic, Duke of Milan and Loch Ryan and the first named "chaser" owing to his previous successes, was made a hot favourite. However, after half of the circuit had been covered, Mr. Stanton on Christmas Frolic had a nasty stumble and Duke of Milan went ahead to win in easy fashion. The spill robbed Mr. Stanton's chance of annexing the Grand National for three successive years. It is interesting to relate that Mr. K. H. Churn was the first Chinese owner to capture this classic in 1927.

Site Chosen For Davis Cup Final

New York, Feb. 4. At the annual meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis Association here to-day it was decided to award the 1939 Davis Cup Challenge

Ebony Idol Should Win Race Again

Ebony Idol, the winner of last Grand National is among the list of this year's entries and this pony, belonging to Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, has a big chance of annexing the race a second time, and to add his name to the list of only four others who have twice won the Blue Riband at Kwanti. The handicapper, Mr. C. M. Alves, has set Digones and Ebony Idol to shoulder the limit load of 163 lbs. but judging by his flu display at the January Meeting, I certainly have confidence in giving my vote to Ebony Idol to win. He is a nice "chaser" clearing the fences in grand style and I don't think the weight will stop him. Digones, of course, is not to be underrated, but I think Double Chance cannot be regarded as honest as the day. The latter ran past the wing of the Open Ditch in the San Wei Handicap and for this reason he has not been given any allowance. Estover has been kindly treated by the new weight assigner with a drop of 19 lbs. against Ebony Idol and this grey gelding is now in its proper row. Mr. Stanton's candidate is undoubtedly a powerful beast, but he is too big over the fences and this alone is a bad handicap. In my estimation Zero has not been given a square deal and we shall see how the allotment works out on Sunday.

A DOZEN ENTRIES FOR FOX HUNTERS' PLATE

The Fox Hunters' Plate (a hurdle race for China ponies, bona fide hunters) has drawn a dozen entries and the jump is over a distance of 1¼ miles. As a ban has been placed on winners of any race of this season, we shall see a good contest between Double Chance (if he does not accept the Grand National), Malolo and Mortmain. The first named, in my opinion, is head and shoulders above all the other entries and should the owner decide to have a crack at the opening event Mortmain is my fancy with Malolo and The Minx to fill the minor positions in the frame.

Owner	Pony	Jockey	Distance
John Smith	John Smith	F. A. Follock	Two miles
Enster Day	Enster Day	Capt. Friskine	2½ miles
As You Like It	As You Like It	A. F. Clarke	2½ miles
C. G. Bullock	C. G. Bullock	R. J. Corbett	2½ miles
Christmas Frolic	Christmas Frolic	W. T. Stanton	2½ miles
Duke of Milan	Duke of Milan	J. W. Hope	2½ miles
Hurricane	Hurricane	Jordan	2½ miles
Pride of Teintong	Pride of Teintong	G. D. Gregory	2½ miles
D. Black	D. Black	D. Black	Two miles
Harris	Harris	Harris	1½ miles
G. P. Ferguson	G. P. Ferguson	G. P. Ferguson	1½ miles

Strathcarrick Is Brutus' Chief Danger

Very good response has been received for the Grand National Steeplechase among the Australian ponies, there being exactly a dozen nominations. There was no race last season, owing to, I presume, a shortage of jumpers, but it seems to me that this classic event is going to stay. However, the first Grand National was run on March 10, 1935, when Flummery, ridden by Mr. W. H. S. Davis, won by many lengths. This "chaser" has been entered for the big race but his chance is very remote. Brutus, 1937 winner, holds the post of honour and then comes Strathcarrick who has been allotted 105 lbs. When they clashed in the New South Wales Handicap (a steeplechase over a course of 1¼

Round matches to the Merion Cricket Club of Philadelphia. The National Singles Championship was set for Forest Hills on September 7, continuing through to September 10.—United Press.

Interport Soccer Players Fail To Combine

Special Homeside Soccer Forecast

The following are the teams specially selected to win in the Home Football programme to-morrow:

Home Winners

Wolves
Sunderland
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Optional Selections

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SELECTIONS FOR FIRST SIX EVENTS

My selections for the first six events are as follows:

THE FANLING GRAND NATIONAL AND PIERCE GROVE MEMORIAL CUP

Ebony Idol
Digones
Double Chance

THE FOX HUNTERS' PLATE

Mortmain
Malolo
The Minx

THE AUSTRALIAN GRAND NATIONAL

Brutus
Strathcarrick
Teviotdale

THE QUEENSLAND HANDICAP

Cape York
Roolity
Rex

THE KWANTI CUP

Flybynight
Plain View
Tempest

THE AU TAU HANDICAP

March Brown
Heriot
National Dignity

Good Chance For Cape York Here

I do not expect to see a good field for the Queensland Handicap which is a flat race for "C" class Australian ponies over six furlongs. Of 7 entries, Strathcarrick will be running in the Grand National and Violet Queen is definitely not starting. Flummery is hopeless on the flat and I hear that Racing Heart is not at his best. Cape York is in constant training and he should register his first win for the owner with Roolity and Rex following in the rear.

KWANTI CUP FOR "D" CLASS PONIES

The Kwanti Cup, a handicap flat race for "D" class China ponies, is over a mile. It is rumored that Sylvandale is under a cloud and Royal Highness is not making the trip to Fanling. Plain View, with Mr. H. C. Pih up, should be one of the favourites, but I like Flybynight with Mr. Wei in the saddle. Good Morning did not run too well in his last outing at Kwanti, but it appears to me that the brown gelding is looking extremely well and he is dangerous. I have reason to believe (Continued on Page 9.)

(miles) Strathcarrick, the winner, was in receipt of 10 lbs. from Brutus, but on Sunday the difference of weights is only 3 lbs. and I am confident that Brutus will make amends. Generally speaking, Mr. G. Trevorton is comparatively a newcomer over the fences, but the manner in which he handled Brutus in his last outing seemed to suggest that he had confidence in the animal and no doubt all racing men will be delighted to see the combination romp home first. Mr. C. L. Gregory, who is going to pilot Strathcarrick, is an old hand at the game and I am sure his experience will be a menace to Brutus. Teviotdale is nicely weighted and so is the old timer, Glorious Star, who will be ridden by Mr. H. J. Hearne. It seems to me that the Stewards cannot make up their minds as to what should be the proper distance for the Grand National. In 1935 it was a jump over 2¼ miles, but in the following year the length was shortened by two furlongs and in 1937 we saw the event over 1½ miles. On Sunday the run is over two miles. At any rate a good race is assured.



P. C. Hsu and C. H. Wei, of the visiting Shanghai tennis team, were defeated yesterday by S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett, of the Kowloon C.C. yesterday. Here the two Shanghai stars are seen in action, Hsu being the one nearer the camera.—Staff Photographer.

TENNIS

SHANGHAI STUDENTS ENTERTAINED BY KOWLOON C.C. TEAM

Light-hearted and thoroughly enjoyable tennis was seen at the Kowloon C.C. yesterday afternoon when the Shanghai Students team were entertained. Of the five matches scheduled, only four were completed, the fifth being unfinished owing to darkness. Honours were even, each side winning two matches.

On the whole the display given by the visitors was of a fairly high standard. They were all very good with their ground strokes, but at the net they were a trifle unsteady. The students all possess fine style, though they need to develop pace before they will be really effective.

K. F. Li, their No. 1 player, was in fine form in his singles match against A. E. P. Guest, the K.C.C. champion, and won comfortably. Li's service was powerful and his attacking ground strokes from both wings left Guest often with no counter. The K.C.C. champion, however, was off colour and did not do justice to himself.

CRAWFORD ERRATIC

"Poker" Tong beat A. Crawford after two hard-fought sets. Had the local man made so many mistakes at vital stages, it is quite conceivable that he would have beaten the visitors, but he was far too erratic to hope for success against such a steady player as Tong.

"Teddy" Fincher was his placid self in his match against H. K. Tsai and won in straight sets. His all-round steadiness was enough to see him through.

In the doubles, S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett, after dropping the first set in the twelfth game, jumped into form and by dint of continual attacking, won the next two sets.

Fincher and Crawford lost the first set against Li and Tong, and when the scores were deadlocked at 6-6 in the second, the match had to be abandoned owing to darkness.

There were some fine rallies here, with Fincher outstanding. Li was also prominent, but both Crawford and Tong were inclined to be erratic.

As the scores indicate, all the matches were evenly-contested.

Singles.—E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.) beat K. H. Tsai 6-2, 8-6; A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.) lost to H. F. Li 3-6, 3-6; A. Crawford (K.C.C.) lost to P. K. Tong 6-8, 4-6.

Doubles.—S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett (K.C.C.) beat T. H. Wei and P. C. Hsu 6-7, 6-3, 7-5; E. C. Fincher and A. Crawford (K.C.C.) v. H. F. Li and P. K. Tong 5-7, 8-3 (unfinished).

New Speed Records By German Ace

Berlin, Feb. 9. Rudolf Caracciola, the German motor racing ace, drove his three-litre Mercedes Benz on a special stretch of the Dessau-Bitterfeld autobahn at a speed of 248.28 miles an hour today over a mile in a flying start, and 247.46 kilometres an hour over a kilometre, thus beating the existing international Class D records of 93.84 miles and 92.33 kilometres respectively.

The cords were previously held by G. Furrmanik, of Italy. Caracciola also created records for the mile and kilometre standing start with 127.112 and 109.36 respectively. Furrmanik previously held the records with 102.88 and 94.73 respectively.—Reuter Special.

ITALIANS WANT 1944 OLYMPICS

Rome, Feb. 9. The Italian Olympic Committee met to-day to discuss bidding for the 1944 Games.

Italy wanted the 1940 Games, but in a last-minute vote, swung in favour of Japan, with the understanding that the Japanese delegates would reciprocate with their ballots for 1944.

The Council is expected to draft a letter to the International Olympic Committee within the next few days, formally seeking the 1944 Games.—United Press.

Gravesend—Cape Town And Back Under Five Days

London, Feb. 9. To fly from Gravesend to Cape Town and back in less than five days was the dream of the aviator Alex Henshaw, and he has fulfilled this dream.

To-day, says a "Reuter" message, he arrived back in Gravesend to finish an historic flight in four days, ten hours, and 15 minutes.

Thus he beat the record held previously by Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green, who accomplished the same trip in five days, 17 hours.

Henshaw bettered their mark by a full 38 hours in one of the most brilliant flights of recent times.

NEED MORE PRACTICE TOGETHER BEFORE THEY MEET MANILA

The Hongkong Interport football team will have to play very much better than they did yesterday if they hope to beat Manila. In a practice game at Causeway Bay against the Rest of Hongkong, they were held to a draw of 1-1 in spite of the fact that the latter team played with four substitutes.

Up against a defence which by no stretch of the imagination could be said to be really strong, the Interport forwards failed to make appreciable headway most of the time, and when they did succeed, their shooting was so poor that McAllister, in the Rest goal, had little difficulty in dealing with the shots fired at him.

BETTER REST FORWARDS

If anything, the Rest forwards showed better combination than their opposite numbers. The left-wing combination of Gomes and Lee Yan-leung (a Third Division South China player) was the best on the field, and between them they made many openings for Chan Tak-fai and Lee Tak-kee. Unfortunately the centre-forward and the inside right were unable to make full use of them either through slowness or over-anxiety.

What the game revealed yesterday was that the Interport team need to have at least another match to enable the players to understand one another's play. Sheehan and Leung Wing-chiu, for instance, were each good individually, but their covering of each other left a lot to be desired. The same could be said of Lee Tin-sang and Honeywell, the right back and right half. Dixon, the centre-half, playing in his third strenuous game since Sunday, was good in breaking up the Rest attacks, but was not up to his usual form in the distribution of his passes. Fung King-cheung, the inside right, was not happy with Fowler on the right wing, and on several occasions when a pass to the outside right would have been the best thing to do, preferred to send the ball into the middle to Lee or Gosano.

NOT AT HOME

Fowler was not at home on the right wing. This was more or less expected, in view of the fact that he has been playing so regularly at centre-forward. Therefore, yesterday's game was not a really fair test for him.

Hau Ching-to's speed was his chief asset on the left wing, but apart from this, he did not show anything

out of the ordinary. As a matter of fact, without knowing the players, one would have preferred Lee Yan-leung, the junior player, to Hau, the selected Interport left wing.

Neither goal-keeper had much to do. McAllister was beaten by a rasping drive by Lee Wan-tong in the second half. The ball hit the bottom of the bar and bounced aside the goal-line, although most of the spectators must have credited the goal to Hau Ching-to, who headed the ball into the net from the rebound.

The Rest inside forwards, Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai and Gomes, were very clever in their approach work, especially when they received help from the outside; but they indulged in too much close-passing when near the goal to be really effective as goal-getters. The Rest goal was also obtained in the second half, from a movement on the right, the ball being pushed through to Chan Tak-fai, who beat Tam Kwan-kon from close range.

PRACTICE NEEDED

As a spectacle, the game fell far below expectations. But it has to be understood perhaps that the players had not together for the first time, and could not be expected to settle down so quickly.

Definitely another practice match is needed, and the sooner the better. Tennis.

Hongkong.—Tam Kwan-kon (South China); Lee Tin-sang (South China); Sheehan (Middlesex); Honeywell (Navy); Dixon (Navy); Leung Wing-chiu (South China); Fowler (Club); Fung King-cheung (South China); Lee Wan-tong (South China); A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's); and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Rest of Hongkong.—McAllister (Navy); Ho You-sang (Kwong Wah); Chang Chung-wan (Eastern); E. L. Strange (Club); Lau King-chol (South China); Tse Kan-hung (South China); Tang Kwong-sum (South China); Lee Tak-kee (Eastern); Chan Tak-fai (South China); Gomes (St. Joseph's); and Lee Yan-leung (South China). Referee.—Mr. R. M. Omar.

Leicester Beaten By Charlton

London, Feb. 9. In the First Division of the English Football League, Leicester City, playing at home, were beaten by Charlton by five goals to one.—Reuter.



The two leading players of the visiting Shanghai Students tennis team, "Poker" Tong (left) and K. F. Li. Both these players won their singles matches against the Kowloon C.C. yesterday.—Staff Photographer.

Aeroplanes Inspire the New Hats



HATS are growing wings, and this new style is so distinctive that hatters and hairdressers have got together on a new hair style to suit them.

Here you see three of Erik's new models and the hair dressing that Erik and Antoine are sponsoring. The new brims have the broad spread of aeroplane wings and are short back and front so that women can both see and be seen.

Marlene Dietrich has chosen the wide-brimmed black hat at the top. She wears the veil very long and twisted round her neck and the only trimming on the hat is a large gold-headed hatpin.

Veils are worn in new ways, as seen on the other two models. They are attached to the crown of the hat and swathed round the head, sometimes across the face and sometimes not.

G. M. B.

Too Silent Wives

SOME women envelop themselves in an icy silence when they consider they have a just and lawful grievance.

The proverb says that silence is golden, but on occasions it becomes one of the most inhuman and most annoying things that human nature can devise. We all know, of course, that it is right to keep one's temper under control, to maintain one's dignity, at all costs and to avoid saying those cruel things that people do say when they have lost their tempers. But even a virtue so admirable as self-control can be overdone, and if a wife thinks she has been badly treated, a little outburst of good, honest temper is infinitely preferable to that awful, frigid silence that chills the spirit of other people.

There is no surer way, of course, of punishing an undutiful husband. It reduces any normal, good-tempered, tractable husband to a quivering mass of frayed nerves and impotent anger in less than ten minutes—and for that reason, it is a barbed and dangerous weapon to use. So often, it can turn what should be no more than an unimportant little tiff into a major quarrel with a nasty, jagged edge, whereas a few hasty words would have cleared the domestic air in a moment and brought the sunshine out again.

In this world of ours, and human nature being what it is, an occasional good, wholesome row is a wonderful tonic. It is the finest insurance against a descent to that painful, cat-and-dog existence that some married couples "enjoy." It is only the people who brood over their grievances and lock themselves up in an injured silence who get this way. Anger and bitterness will out, and if it does not come out normally and rationally, it breaks out in ceaseless bickering.

Ann Booker

LET THEM MAKE THEIR OWN SWEETS

THERE'S nothing children home from school like better than making sweets. Turn them loose in the kitchen and the result, even if it gets stuck to the saucepan, will taste nicer to them than Bond-street chocolates.

Here are some which, with a little supervision over the boiling, your children should be able to manage.

Fruit Fondants

One lb. of loaf sugar;
1 gill water;
1 dessertspoon glucose
(glucose for cooking costs 5d. per pound).

Any kind of chopped nuts (whole ones if liked), seedless raisins, dates, crystallised ginger and cherries. Put water and sugar in the pan together, stir until the sugar dissolves.

Add the glucose, bring to the boil, and continue to boil until crystals form.

Remove the pan from the heat and allow fondant to cool. Turn out on a wet marble slab or into a large basin. Work mixture with a wooden spoon till creamy; keep free from cracks, then work in the nuts and fruits. If liked, the fondants can be worked up into balls, and halved nuts placed each side sandwich fashion.

Chocolate Truffles

Four-ounce block of plain chocolate.

Two ounces icing sugar.

One and a-half tablespoons of unsweetened evaporated milk.

Half teaspoon vanilla essence.

Dedicated coconut.

Melt the chocolate. Do not allow to get hot. Stir in the sieved icing sugar, also add the milk. Now add vanilla essence, and work all together well. No cooking is needed.

Russian Fudge

One pound granulated sugar.
One large tin of condensed milk (unsweetened).

Two tablespoons of water.

Three ounces butter. Vanilla essence.

Dissolve the sugar in the water. Add milk and butter. Bring to the boil, then boil for half an hour, until when tested in cold water the fudge forms a ball. Remove from the heat at once, add vanilla, then pour into buttered tin and mark into squares while warm.

Lemon Toffee

One pound granulated sugar.

Four ounces butter.

Juice of one lemon.

Essence of lemon.

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the sugar and boil up slowly. Stir for a few moments while it is boiling and add one teaspoonful of lemon juice.

Continue boiling until it "threads," add the rest of the lemon juice and a few drops of essence of lemon. Turn out on to a buttered tin.

FILLETS OF SOLE WALEWSKA

PREPARE fillets and place in a shallow casserole with a little onion, salt, pepper, a bouquet of herbs, small pieces of butter and a glass of white wine. Cover with lid and cook slowly for about 10 minutes. Removing fish and keep it hot. Strain the liquor in which it was cooked, and thicken with an egg yolk. Do not boil. Pour this sauce over fish.

Garnish each fillet with a piece of lobster meat, a tiny crescent of puff pastry, and a slice of truffle. Brown slightly under grill and serve at once.

CHICKEN SPATCHCOCK

SPLIT a young chicken, season well, paint with butter, and cook under a hot grill for 30 minutes. Baste with the butter.

While this is cooking put two tablespoons of Worcester sauce with an ounce of butter into a jar. Melt this in the oven and stir well, and serve in a sauceboat. Garnish chicken with sprigs of watercress.

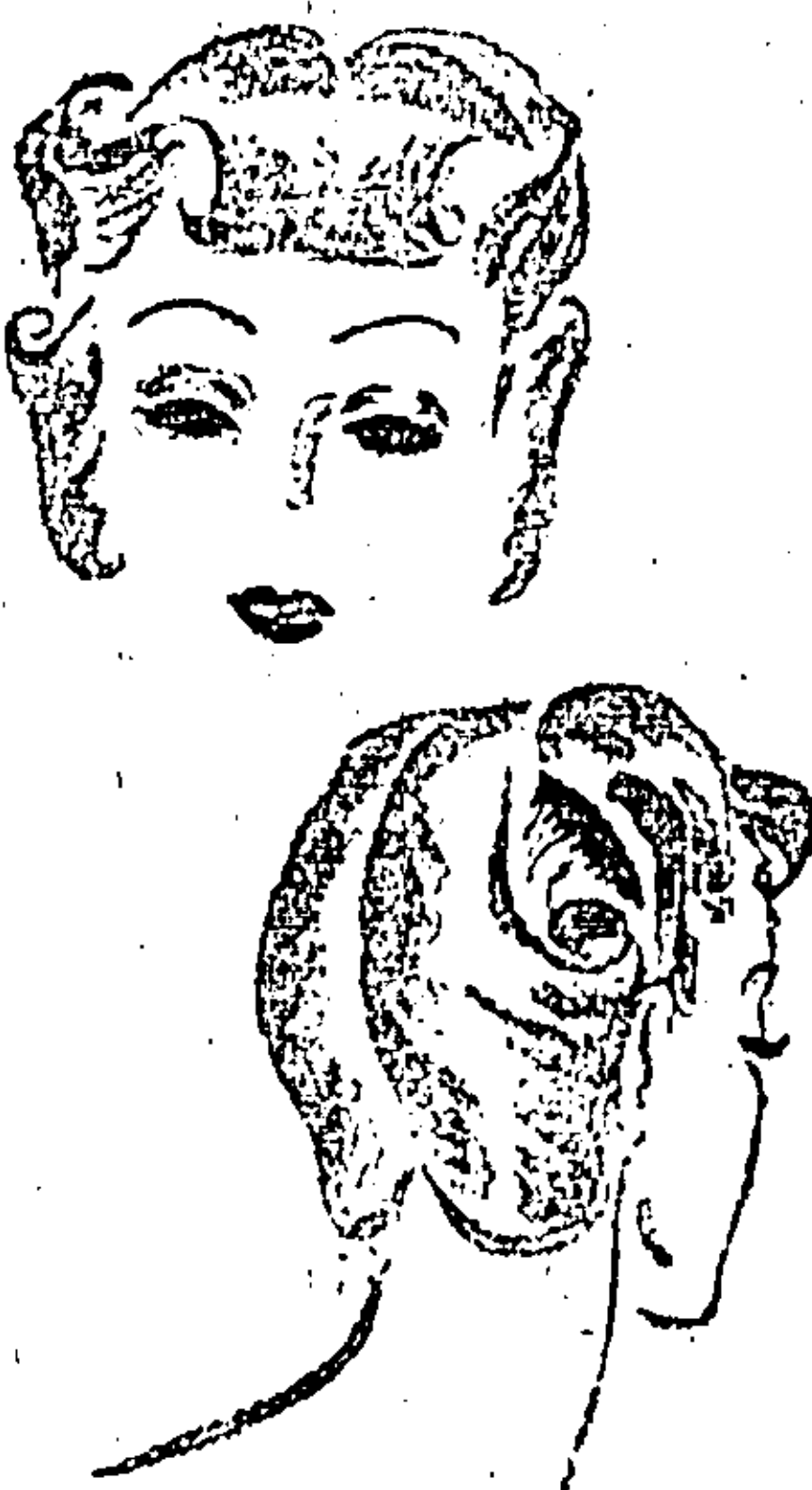
JAPAN'S UNEMPLOYED Wage Index Highest For Fifteen Years

Tokyo, Feb. 9.
The number of unemployed in Japan stood at 374,600 at the end of last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The figure includes 22,500 workers who have been forced to change jobs as the result of the rise of munitions industries. Ex-employees of companies and factory hands reached 88,300.—Domet.

Record Wage Index

Tokyo, Feb. 9.
The average labour wage index has reached the highest point for the past 15 years, according to a survey made by the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Continuing its steady rise, since last August, the index figure at the end of December stood at 122.9, compared with the basic number of 100 for 1935.

This figure showed an increase of 5.0 per cent. on that of November and 11.9 per cent. compared with the index for December 1937.—Domet.



Ideas In Economy

ECONOMY is frequently misunderstood. It should not be regarded as a household bogey, for economy carried out on proper lines is an important part of the ministrations of every household, no matter how large or small the income.

Economy does not mean saving and scrimping of money only. The saving of time and energy are of great importance, and economy in this direction will bring leisure and good temper as dividends.

It is in the kitchen that drudgery should be eliminated, and the chief economies practised. Make an economical use of floor and wall space. The main purpose of the kitchen is for the preparation of food. It saves much time to have a place for everything you need to prepare meals, and a proper stock of the necessary articles.

Kitchen Equipment

It is an economy to have the kitchen equipment grouped so that the minimum number of steps is required in carrying out the many kitchen tasks. A china cupboard placed next to the kitchen sink, and a saucepan stand placed under the draining board make washing-up an easier matter; also a table near the cooker saves many journeys.

Care of cleaning materials is a form of economy which, though small, is rarely practised. So many housewives get into the bad habit of using cleaning materials extravagantly. Liquids are left uncorked, so that they evaporate or get knocked over; pastes are left with their lids off and get hard and useless. Large handfuls of soap and soda are thrown into the washing-up water, where smaller quantities would be just as efficacious. If not more so, as too much soda takes the paint and gilding of china.

When it comes to food, few housewives are economical. It is no economy to buy cheap food, which has little real nourishment, and to look upon good food as a luxury. But it is equally bad economy to buy good food and then not take the trouble to cook it properly.

Using Odds and Ends

A great source of waste in many households is the throwing away of nutritious odds and ends. Remnants of meat, fish and vegetables can be utilised in making countless tasty dishes. Study a good cookery-book and you will find methods that will make left-overs into the most intriguing dishes. Bones and meat trimmings can be used for stock or gravy, and remnants of bread and cakes made into puddings.

If you have an electric cooker economise by using the heat left when the current is switched off. At breakfast time prepare the vegetables



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EMBEZZLEMENT CASE

Madame Wang Ching-wei's Brother Arrested

Word was recently received in Shanghai to the effect that a brother-in-law of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, dismissed Kuomintang statesman who favours peace with Japan, has been arrested in Mengtze.

He is Chen Chang-tsu, director of the Aero Manufacturing Factory in Kunming and brother of Madame Wang Ching-wei, popularly known as "Chen Bih-chuan," one of a few women members of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang.

He is alleged to have fled from his post carrying a large sum of money. His disappearance was reported on January 16 but quickly the Military Affairs Council ordered all branch offices to look for him and he was eventually arrested a few days ago in a flying school in Mengtze.

He will be court-martialled.

or meat for the luncheon and have them in pots or casseroles ready to place on the hot plates when kettles and pans are removed.

Economy with coal can be effected by placing a few lumps of chalk or broken brick at the back of the grate. This throws out a good heat. When cleaning the grate in the morning shove the ash and cinders and return the cinders to the fire. They burn brightly with a good foundation. The ash should be kept in a jar for use in removing stains on dishes and pans.

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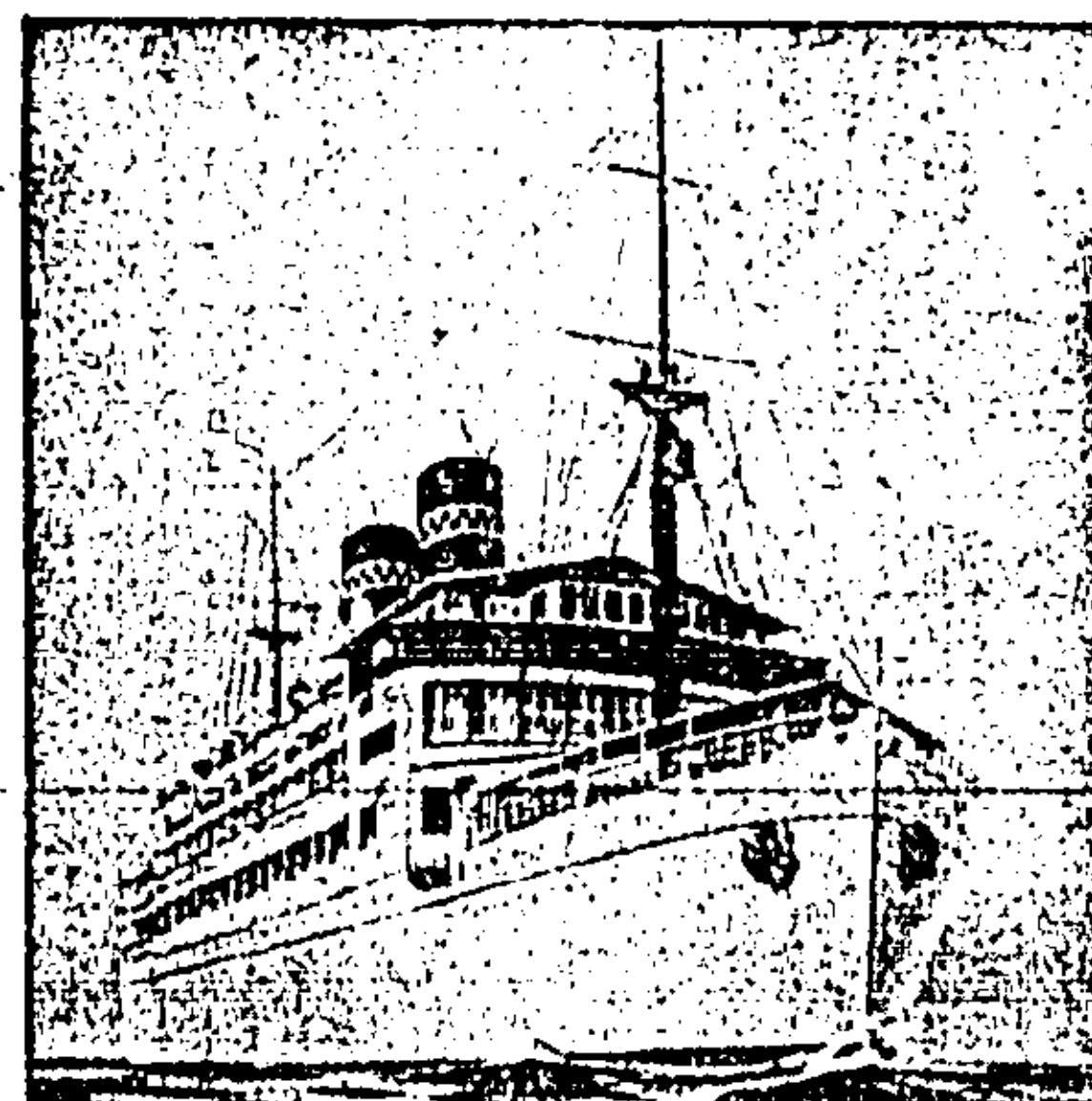
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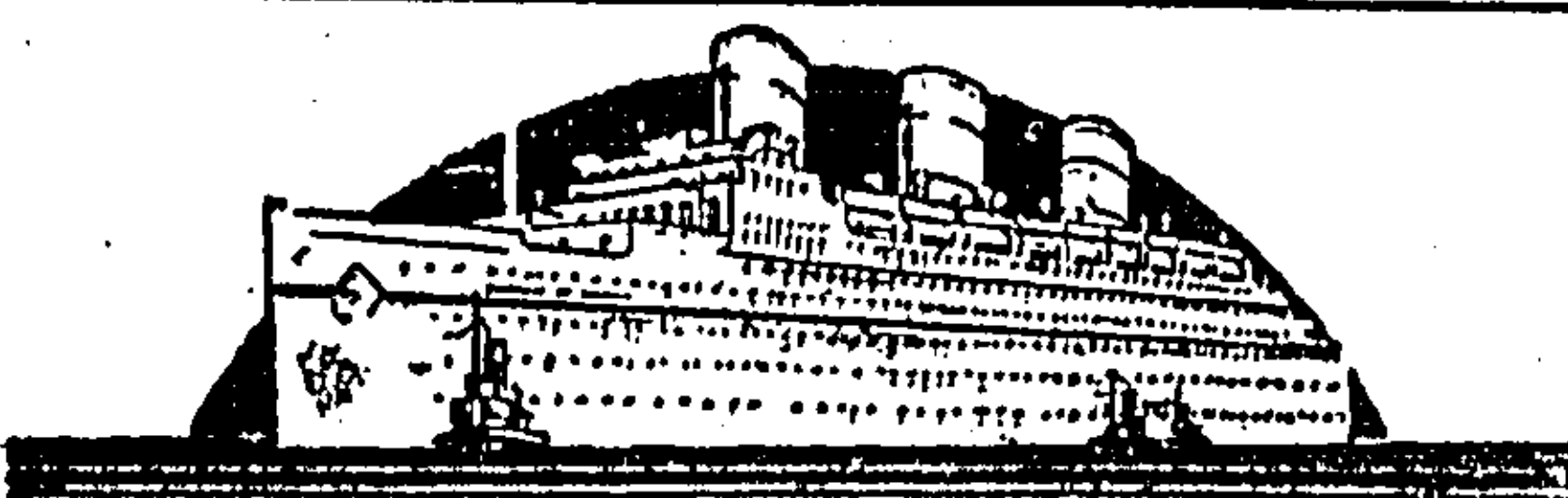
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Above: Miss Ivy Nicholls, of Cranford; Miss Florence Buchanan, of Shoreditch; Miss Marie Wildman, of Camden Town.



Below: Miss Rose Peck and Miss Lily Gay, of King's Cross; and Miss Florence Bennett, of West Ham. These girls were candidates in a recent Kent Beauty competition.



Thirteen year old Daphne Walker, famous child skater, photographed at her home at Herne Hill.

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1—Mighty acid
2—Africa
3—Some
4—disrupt with surface
5—Cowboy fall
6—Prepare food
7—Bedtime chamber
8—Nest
9—Card game
10—Flipped
11—Declined parts
12—A booklover
13—Knee
14—Grudge
15—Clare-bearers
16—Those who vent
17—Bum, or source of isomers
18—Torch
19—Encountered
20—On stroke of
21—Overs
22—Nervous
23—Number
24—Bend light rays
25—Curved fabric
26—Parting to agree
27—Entrance to New York harbor
28—Actual being
29—Actual
30—Get again
31—Union of kingdoms
32—Airtight dress
33—Note of scale
34—Self
35—Metal-bearing rock

DOWN

36—Loss power
37—German cavalryman
38—Dependence
39—Familiar nickname
40—Den
41—Complete
42—Noise
43—Displacement of discovery
44—Unhappy
45—Chinese measure

3—Down
4—Edward
5—Pish
6—One of a pair
7—Performers
8—Covers
9—Old days
10—Kitchen utensil
11—Dress
12—Religion
13—Card game
14—English river
15—Note in nose
16—Domestic animal
17—Italian
18—Symbol: teljurtum
19—Mistle word
20—Continued
21—Ceres
22—Venice
23—Symbol: sodium
24—Dancer
25—Sound of drum
26—Leans estimate
27—Unhappy
28—Universal lounge
29—Joined
30—Unhooked
31—Enthralled
32—Meadow
33—Metal
34—Pencil worm
35—Exclamation of discovery
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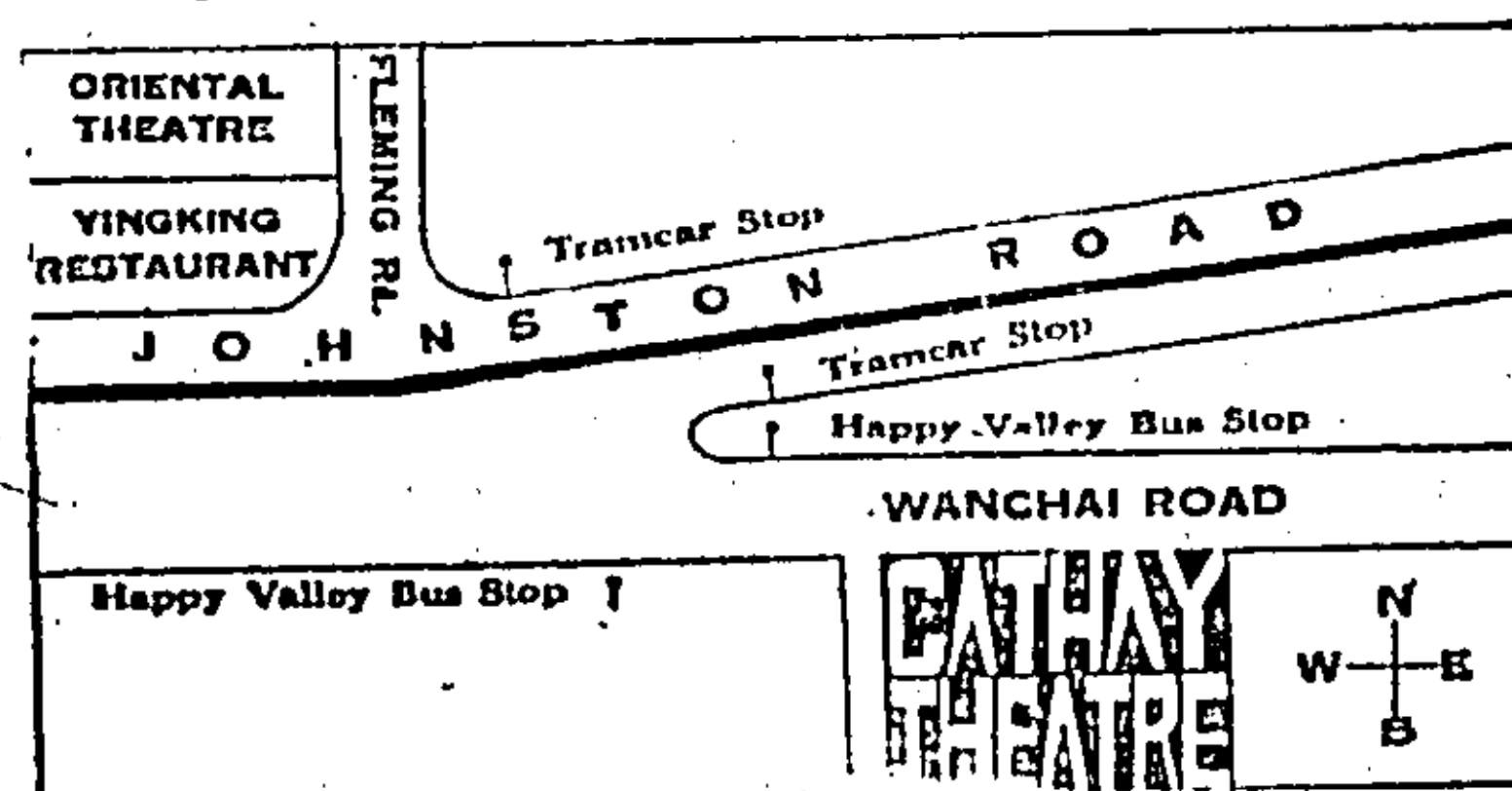
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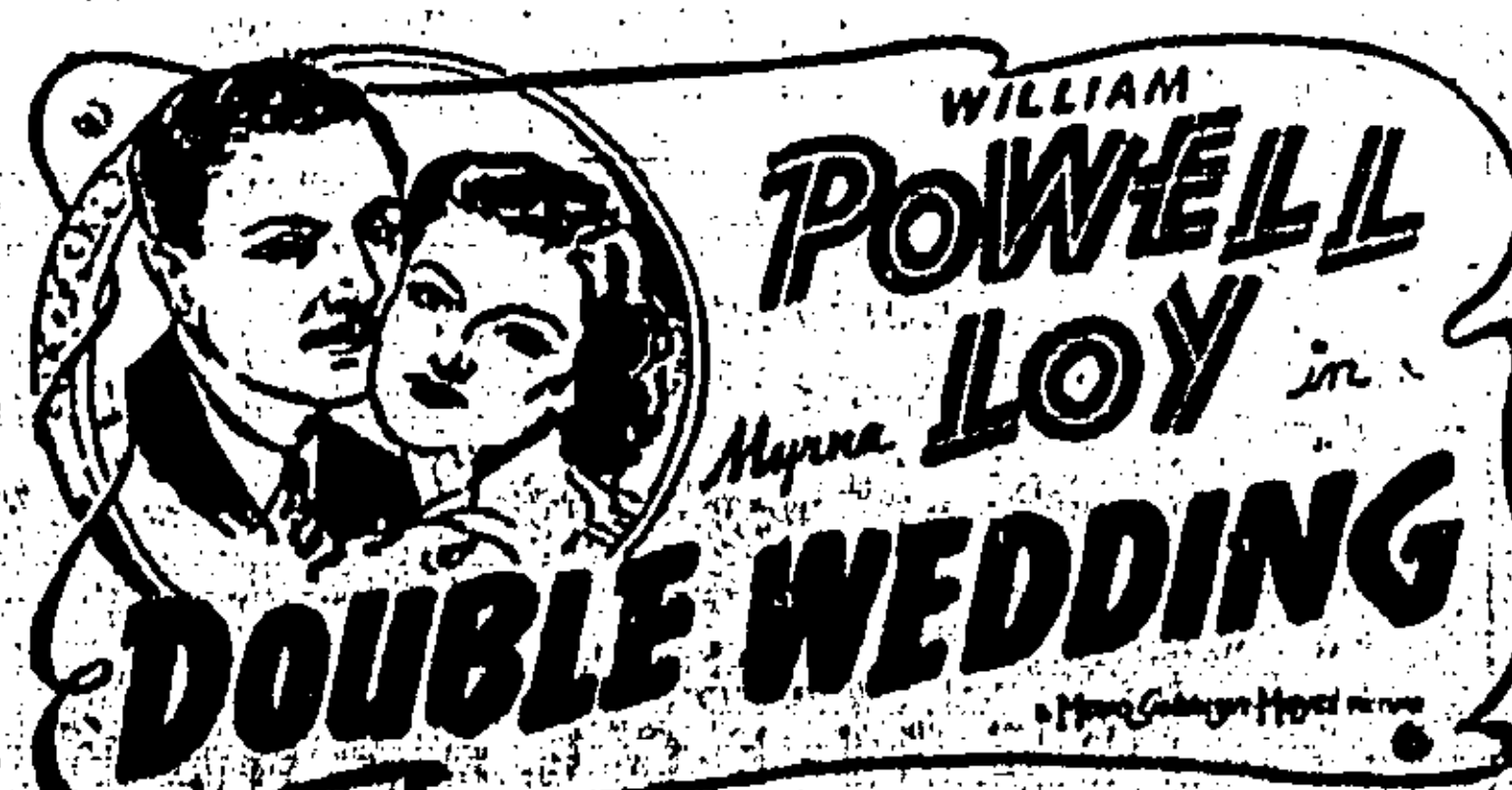


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Sea Dragon Back In Hongkong

Story Of Battle With Heavy Seas

Handled by a whiskered crew, dog-tired after five days' ceaseless battling with hammering seas, Mr. Richard Halliburton's junk Sea Dragon came quietly alongside Bailey's wharf at 11.10 o'clock last night. A few minutes later John Potter, whose illness had been the cause of the junk's return, left the ship to enter the War Memorial Hospital.

Brief items in the Sea Dragon's log suggest the story of her dogged struggle. She left Hongkong on Saturday at 4 p.m. in still weather. The early part of the night was perfect, a great moon overhead making conditions delightful.

A breeze gradually got up and by midnight it was blowing strongly. The sea began to rise and, though the Sea Dragon did not take water over her bow, many waves broke over her amidships. By noon on Sunday she had covered 88 miles and was about 20 miles beyond Cheung point.

The seas now became heavy and the junk made slow progress in the face of a stiff wind. At 7.30 p.m. on Sunday she was off Breakers Point and at 9.30 a.m. next morning she was still there, trying vainly to make progress against huge seas. Soon the hopelessness of continuing on this course was seen and Captain John decided to take him round the southern tip of Formosa. The wind played the junk an unkind turn and veered further to the east, right in the face of the rugged little craft.

Mast Carries Away

In the 24 hours between noon Sunday and noon Monday the Sea Dragon covered only 44 miles. At 7 a.m. on Monday the radio mast carried away and Seaman A. D. Flagg swayed for an hour in the bosun's chair above the wildly pitching ship while he put things right.

At 8 a.m. on Tuesday Potter, who had suffered a recurrence of the illness which put him in hospital for a few days before the ship's departure, took to his bunk and became steadily worse. Despite the heavy seas, the junk made 155 miles between noon on Monday and noon on Tuesday and by 5 p.m. on Tuesday she was only 90 miles west-south-west of Formosa.

At this point the log entry reads: "Very rough, confused sea. Vessel pitching heavily. Heavy rain squalls. Vessel dipping lee rail." The Sea Dragon was riding this sea so well, however, that the captain was content to go ahead, but Potter's illness seemed so serious that Mr. Halliburton insisted on putting back to Hongkong where he could receive proper attention. The ship accordingly put about.

Then began a run to the south during which no sights could be taken because of the clouded skies and the captain had only a hazy idea of the ship's position. On Wednesday night, not knowing clearly where they were, they hoisted to.

Yesterday they discovered themselves to be 30 miles south of Hongkong, the monsoon having driven them much further south than they intended. The captain had never navigated into Hongkong from the south, but he felt his way along cautiously until at last he picked out Cap Rock Light and from there on he followed the inside passage and came quietly into harbour from the western end. Without a light to assist him, he brought the vessel sweetly alongside Bailey's Wharf.

Captain Welch was glowing in his praise of the junk's performance. "Many a time she seemed to be diving to the bottom," he said, "but up she came, shook herself like a dog, rolled over and dipped her rail in the sea, and then went on as though nothing had happened."

He said a particular word of praise for Flagg, the last-minute recruit from the President Pierce, and for the cook, James Sligh, who, he said, always managed to produce a meal no matter how the ship was pitching.

The junk will make a new start within a fortnight. In the meantime she is to be given a full keel, re-caulked in some parts of the deck structure, and given a general overhaul; rigging will also be set up. Potter, who has a considerable investment in the venture, will not get with the junk next time.

LATE NEWS

Henshaw Breaks Flight Record

Alex Henshaw, the brilliant British aviator and King's Cup winner, dreamed of flying solo from Gravesend to Capetown and back in less than five days.

Yesterday this dream was realized, when he landed at Gravesend completing the two-way flight in four days, ten hours and 15 minutes, thus beating the previous record established by Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green of five days, 17 hours, says a "Reuter" message.

Henshaw, bettered the previous mark by a full 30 hours, while on the outward journey he had a record run of 39½ hours, beating the previous best by five and a half hours.

LANDS WITH NOSE BLEEDING
When lifted from the small single-engine Percival Newgull aircraft, in which he won the King's Cup air race last year, Henshaw's face was covered with blood from a bleeding nose.

He was so exhausted that he was unable to stand, but he recovered after a hot drink, and managed to say: "Thank you very much for a wonderful reception," to the cheering crowd.

He was then taken to the customs, and afterwards drove off with his father as Britain prepared to hail its fastest Cape flyer over.—Reuter.

GREAT WILL TO LIVE

Rome, Feb. 9.
The Pope's entourage say that his will to live, until he has addressed Italy's 200 bishops on Saturday, is such that he may survive.—Reuter.

Crew Rescued

New York, Feb. 9.
A wireless message says that the Veendam is now rescuing the crew of the Maria de Larrinaga, though hampered by heavy seas.—Reuter.

Air France Delayed

The weekly Air France plane has been delayed at Hanoi, though no reasons are given. The machine is expected at 12.30 p.m. to-day.
The Imperial Airways planes Delta and Denobola will leave with the outward mail at dawn to-day, and as far as present advice goes, the Saturday mail is running to schedule.

BARGE DELAYS DEPARTURE FOR HONGKONG

San Francisco, Feb. 4.
Pan-American Airways' trans-Pacific Clipper was slightly damaged when a gasoline barge drifted against her wing.
The accident will delay the plane's take-off for 24 hours. The plane will take off for Honolulu, Manila and Hongkong as soon as the wing is repaired.—United Press.

CRASH NEAR MILAN

Milan, Feb. 9.
Four persons were killed during an air disaster which occurred in the vicinity of this city yesterday. A three-engined military plane engaged in a practice flight crashed on to the roof of a factory at Sesto San Giovanni. The pilot, a major of the Italian air force, and a non-commissioned officer accompanying him on the flight were killed. Furthermore two workers of the factory were fatally injured when the plane crashed in flames.—Trans-Ocean.

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Y.M.C.A. FIXTURES
Arrangements by The Women's Section

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Sunday, February 12.—Discussion Group at 8 p.m.

Monday, February 13.—Women's Section: Millinery Class at 10 a.m. Whist Drive at 8.30 p.m. Please note that in future Whist Drives will commence at 8.30 instead of 9.0 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14.—Women's Section: Sewing Bee at 10 a.m. Badminton at 8.30 p.m. League Match v. St. Andrew's A.R.P. at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15.—Women's Section: Badminton at 10 a.m. Afternoon: team practice till 4 p.m., general play 4 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 16.—Women's Section: Mahjong and beginners' class at 10 a.m. Chinese Chow followed by performance by Chinese jugglers at 8.30 p.m. \$1.50 per head. Kindly notify the Secretary of Y.M.C.A. of Women's Section by February 15, if you wish to attend the Chow.

Friday, February 17.—Women's Section: Bridge Class and Practice Play at 10 a.m. Badminton at 8.30 p.m.

Saturday, February 18.—Women's Section: Badminton from 10 a.m.

THEFT OF TREES
European Woman Pushed To the Ground

Believed to be the man responsible for resisting a European woman who attempted to stop him cutting trees near her residence at Broadwood Road a few days ago, Yun Yul, 44, unemployed, appeared before Magistrate A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with the possession of a quantity of tree wood.

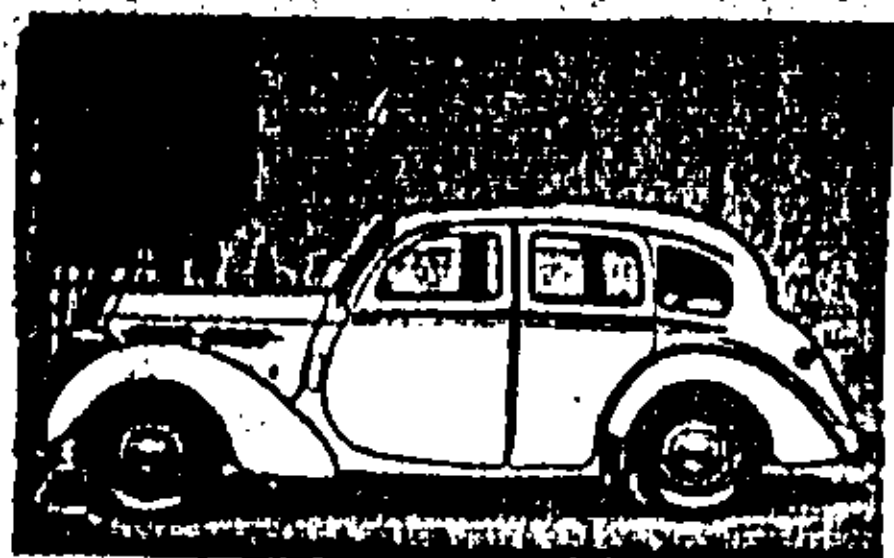
Inspector A. V. Baker said that a few days ago, a European woman saw a number of persons cutting trees on the hillside below her house, and she went to stop them. She tried to detain a man whom she could not identify but who she said was wearing a light grey cap. The man resisted her and pushed her to the ground, but she was not injured. The man escaped.

Forestry guards kept watch in the vicinity, and on Wednesday detected a quantity of wood in his possession. He was arrested, and was found to be wearing a light grey cap, which "is a very unusual cap for any Chinese to wear," said Inspector Baker. "I ask your Worship to take that into consideration."

Yun was sentenced to four months' hard labour. He had a previous conviction for larceny, by service.

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JAPANESE NAVAL FORCE EFFECTS MAJOR LANDING ON HAINAN ISLD.

OFFICIAL CLAIM SAYS FORCE NOW PUSHING INLAND

AN OFFICIAL JAPANESE COMMUNIQUE, issued by the Japanese Imperial Army Headquarters in Tokyo at 9 o'clock this morning, claims that a major landing was successfully effected on Hainan Island before dawn to-day.

The locale of the Japanese operations is, for the time being, a carefully guarded secret, but it is believed to be in the vicinity of Taan, on the north-western side of the island, west of Hainan Straits.

The Japanese communique states that the Japanese forces are now pushing inland, presumably with the object of attacking Kiungchow, the capital, and Hoihow, its seaport, from the rear.

It is interesting to note, however, that the island is very mountainous, and this will considerably hamper any Japanese operations.

WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS IN FRANCE

Japan Was Warned To 'Keep Hands Off'

THE JAPANESE LANDING on Hainan Island is likely to have grave repercussions in France, where it has been repeatedly pointed out that any such action in the present Sino-Japanese conflict would be prejudicial to Franco-Japanese relations.

Hainan Island is the largest island owned by China. It is part of Kwangtung Province, but lies directly off French Indo-China and Acam. The capital is Hoihow, which is 295 miles from Hongkong. This city is near the mouth of the Kiungchow River, which empties into Hainan Strait. It is the seaport of the walled city of Kiungchow, the actual seat of government.

Hoihow became a Treaty port in 1860. It is about 120 miles across Hainan Strait from Pakhoi and equidistant from the French port of Haiphong.

150 FOREIGNERS
Possession of the island by Japan would not only cover the entire coastline of French Indo-China, but would jeopardise all British and other foreign maritime interests east of Singapore.

The total area of the island is 14,000 square miles and the population two million. About 150 foreigners reside on the island, principally in Hoihow.

The question whether a Japanese occupation of the island would constitute a threat to the security of French Indo-China was discussed recently in the semi-official Petit Parisien by M. Jan de Beumont, Deputy for Indo-China in the Lower House.

M. de Beumont recalled the various measures taken by successive French Governments to prevent the occupation of the island. In 1899, China gave an undertaking that the island would never be fortified and, as an extra precaution, France obtained the concession of Kwangchowwan, a territory containing 600 square miles, situated on the mainland directly opposite Hainan Island.

In 1907, France concluded an agreement with Japan regarding Hainan Island.

"A SERIOUS MENACE"
The occupation by Japan of the strategically important Hainan Island would not only constitute a serious menace to French Indo-China, but would also gravely endanger British interests," M. de Beumont concluded.

"It should be made definitely clear to Japan that any attempt to establish its authority over the island would encounter the joint resistance of Great Britain and France."

Japan's repeated threats to land on the island recently led to the concentration of British naval forces in the waters of the new base.

The landing was effected from a fleet of about twenty Japanese warships and transports, it is believed. These ships have been concentrated around Weichow Island, between Pakhoi, in Kwangtung, and Hainan Island, for the past two weeks.

Chinese military authorities, believing that the concentration meant that the Japanese intended to attempt a major landing near Pakhoi, have maintained constant vigilance on the Kwangtung mainland.

It was reported yesterday that the Japanese fleet, consisting of the Third Fleet, was cruising around the Gulf of Tonkin, with Vice-Admiral K. Oikawa on board.

NO BIG ARMY FOR DEFENCE

Chinese military authorities have long been anticipating a Japanese invasion of Hainan Island; nevertheless, Chinese circles in Hongkong are taken by surprise at the report of a Japanese landing this morning.

The Japanese naval concentration at Weichow Island during the past few days was reported by the Chinese Press as a threatening gesture on Pakhoi, in south-west Kwangtung. Nothing, indicating a Japanese move on Hainan Island has been received from Chinese sources.

According to well-informed observers, it is most likely that no major resistance will be fought by the Chinese in Hainan. The Cantonese division under General Chang Tai, which was the only regular division in Hainan, was ordered back to the Kwangtung mainland after the Japanese landing at Hainan Bay.

However, it is certain that extensive and well-organised guerrilla warfare will be resorted to by the Chinese on the island.

Hainan Island is mountainous, Five-Finger Mountain (Wuchihuan) being 5,000 feet high. In May be recalled that these mountainous areas were the strongholds of guerrilla operations of the Communists for several years before they surrendered to the government.

EFFORT TO STOP HAIPHONG TRADE

Tokyo, Feb. 10.
The Japanese landing on Hainan Island this morning was prompted to add to the pressure brought to bear upon the supply route to China.

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BRITISH SHIP LOST Fruitless Search in Mid-Atlantic

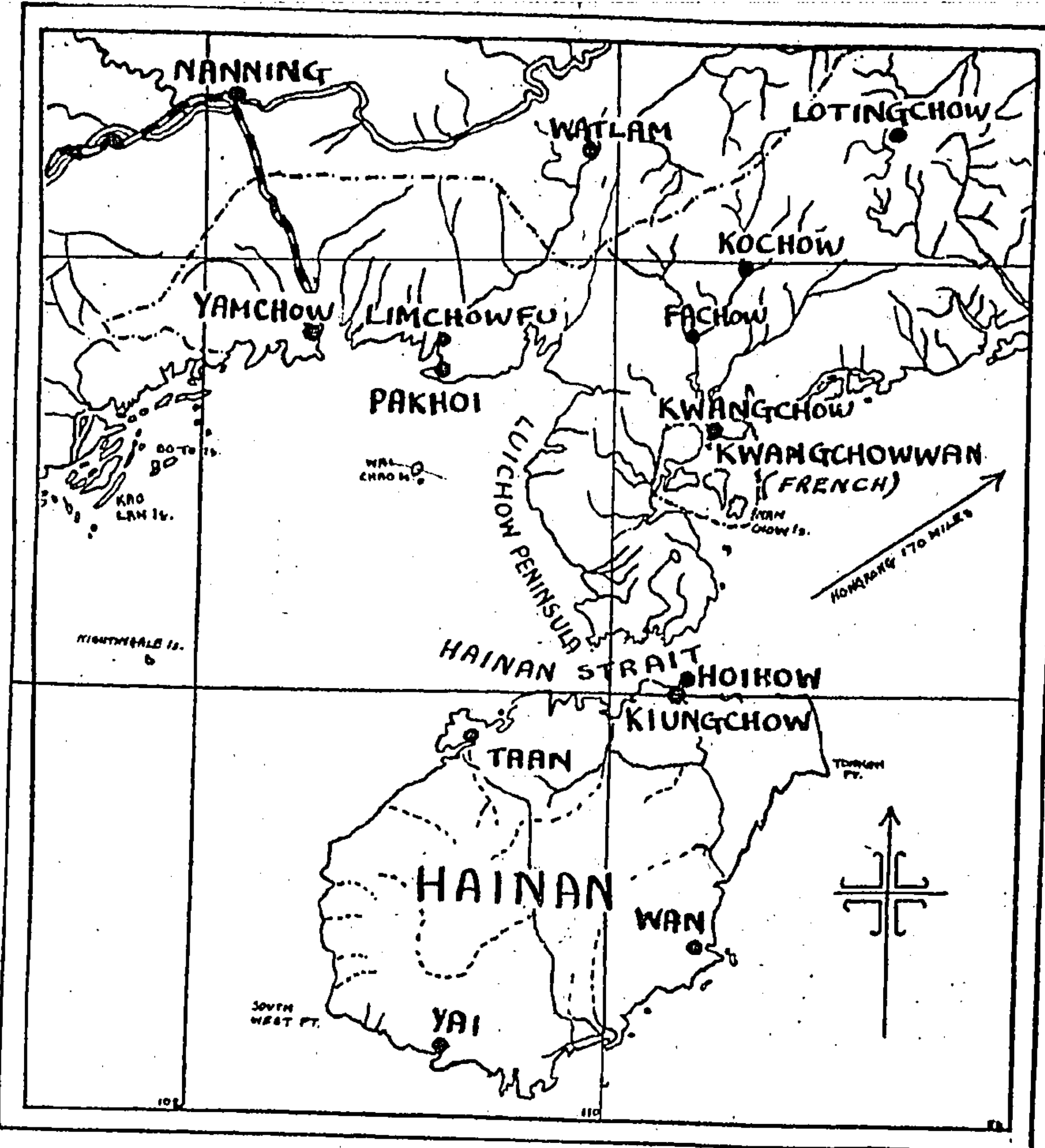
NEW YORK, Feb. 9.
The s.s. VEENDAM, s.s. Scanmail, and the British steamer Maria de Larrinaga, and are participating in a search.

The Veendam wireless that she had sighted numerous pieces of wreckage, ladders, and a table-top.

The Cunard White Star liner, Aurania, reports that she sighted the wreckage of hatch covers and cars near the last reported position of the Larrinaga.

CREW RESCUED

A WIRELESS MESSAGE SAYS THAT THE VEENDAM IS NOW RESCUING THE CREW OF THE MARIA DE LARRINAGA, THOUGH HAMPERED BY HEAVY SEAS.—REUTERS



World's Biggest Plane Due Here At End Of February

HENSHAW SETS NEW RECORD

Brilliant Flight To And From Cape

ALEX HENSHAW, the brilliant British aviator and King's Cup winner, dreamed of flying solo from Gravesend to Cape-town and back in less than five days.

Yesterday this dream was realised when he landed at Gravesend completing the two-way flight in four days, ten hours and 15 minutes, thus beating the previous record established by Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green of five days, 17 hours, says a "Reuter" message.

Henshaw bettered the previous mark by a full 30 hours, while on the outward journey he had a record run of 39½ hours, beating the previous best by five and a half hours.

LANDS WITH NOSE BLEEDING

When lifted from the small single-engine Percival Newgull aircraft, in which he won the King's Cup air race last year, Henshaw's face was covered with blood from a bleeding nose.

He was so exhausted that he was unable to stand, but he recovered.

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THE LARGEST FLYING machine ever to visit the Far East is due in Hongkong on February 28, according to word received by the local office of Pan American Airways this morning.

The plane is the giant 74-passenger Boeing Clipper, the first of six planes ordered by Pan American for the trans-Pacific and trans-Atlantic services.

On her maiden flight the Boeing will carry no passengers, though it is anticipated that when she leaves San Francisco on February 22 she will have aboard a heavy cargo of mail and freight.

The arrival of the Boeing will mean the commencement of a weekly service between San Francisco and the Colony, the Martin flying boats which are at present in use, and the Boeing arriving here on alternate weeks.

How soon the entire service will be taken over by the Boeings is not yet known, because, though at least one other of the new Boeings is already undergoing tests and the others are nearing completion, the probable inauguration by Pan American Airways of a trans-Pacific service in March this year may mean that the next planes are transferred to the new service and the trans-Pacific service will continue to be maintained partly by the Martin flying boats which have proved so satisfactory during the past more than 200 crossings. The Boeing's maiden flight will be Flight 209.

74 PASSENGERS

Capable of carrying 74 passengers by day, the Boeing has sleeping accommodation for 34, and it is not expected that more than this number will travel on each trip between Manila and America.

On the short hop between Hongkong and Manila, however, the plane will accommodate a full complement.

Rhoda Sak.
Dave Graf, telephone lineman, had to fight to do his work. He was instructed to remove a number of street telephones because of unpaid bills. Five hard-drinking farmers fought him to the teeth.

BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNS

BRUSSELS, Feb. 9.

The Belgian Cabinet resigned this afternoon, following a meeting of its members, which had been specially convened to consider the situation arising out of the nomination of Professor Martens to the Flemish Academy of Science.

It will be recalled that the nomination called forth a storm of protests from ex-servicemen owing to the fact that Professor Martens had been sentenced to death for his activities during the war.

M. Spaak formed his Cabinet in May, 1938, when it succeeded the Janson Ministry.

POLITICAL CONFUSION
The resignation of the Spaak Cabinet has caused general confusion in political circles.

Only very hazy ideas about the formation of a new Government exist at the moment.

Answering a question as to whether the King had accepted the resignation of the Cabinet and himself, M. Spaak said:

"The King has authorised me to continue to attend to current business. I do not know exactly what that means."

In some circles it is felt that there is a possibility of the formation of a so-called Cabinet of personalities standing outside party conflict. Other circles state that it is intended to dissolve Parliament and to hold new elections.—TRANS-OCEAN

H.K. HEARS DRAMATIC RELAY OF CIVIL WAR

HONGKONG RADIO LISTENERS heard the Spanish Civil War last night.

A B.B.C. observer, speaking by telephone to London, broadcast a vivid description of the scenes on the Franco-Spanish frontier at Le Perthus where, to use his own words, he had "one foot in Spain and the other in France."

The commentary was broadcast by Daventry during the 9.30 p.m. News Bulletin last night, and was relayed by ZBW.

As the broadcast was being made by ZBW, debaters at the Y.M.C.A. were deciding, by 17 votes to 13, that ZBW programmes were suited to the public taste.

"The insurgent guns are going off three miles away," said the B.B.C. commentator.

"Listen! You can hear them!"

Through the dull boom of the cannonading, the tramp of marching feet—the feet of hundreds of Loyalist soldiers marching across the frontier into France—was plainly audible in Hongkong.

A long string of motor-lorries rumbled past the microphone. "The first lorry is a Russian one, laden with arms," said the commentator.

A few yards from where the commentator stood was the house in which the Spanish Premier, Dr. Negrin, was in conference with his Foreign Secretary.

The broadcast was probably the most vivid ever heard in Hongkong.

FRANCO EFFECTS MINORCA LANDING

LE PERTHUS, Feb. 9.

GENERAL FRANCO'S troops reached the frontier here at 10.45 a.m., and hoisted the insurgent flag.

All members of the Loyalist Cabinet and other Loyalist leaders left before the Insurgents arrived.

They included Dr. Juan Negrin, Senor Alvarez Del Vayo, General Rojo, Chief of General Staff, and his staff officers.

A Burgos message says that the Insurgents occupied the important industrial town of San Juan Abadesas, 15 miles from the frontier to-day.

From Perpignan comes the news that ten officers of President Azana's military household left Perpignan this morning for Hendaye, where they are expected to cross into Insurgent Spain late in the afternoon. The officers include General Sarria, chief of the household, Admiral Matz, and Colonel Jimenez.

MINORCA LANDING

A later report from Burgos states that Insurgent troops landed at Ciudadela, on the west coast of Minorca, where they were joined by units of the local garrison which had risen against the Loyalist authorities.

Most of the Loyalist leaders are stated to have fled from the island, which is claimed to be almost entirely in Insurgent hands.

The Insurgents landed troops consisting of two battalions of infantry and one battery of artillery, with auxiliaries.

An Insurgent division has left Barcelona for Minorca to reinforce the troops already there.—REUTERS

MINORCA HEADACHE

London, Feb. 9.
Writing on the Insurgents' claim to dominate almost the whole of Minorca, "Reuters" diplomatic correspondent points out that France has been particularly concerned about the future of the island, as its occupation by a hostile power would seriously threaten communications with French North African possessions.

Both France and Britain have been seeking to ensure that any

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LATEST

FURTHER BORDER CLASHES

Hsinking Protests To Soviet Union

HSINKING, Feb. 9.

THE MANCHOUKUO GOVERNMENT to-day lodged a strong protest with the Soviet Union through the Soviet Consulate-General at Harbin against another allegedly illegal crossing of the border and attack on the Japanese patrols by Soviet troops.

Dispatches from the border outposts indicate that scores of Soviet troops riding in three motor-lorries crossed the frozen Argun River forming the western border between Manchoukuo and the Soviet Union at 3 p.m. on Monday.

The Soviets then attacked the Japanese frontier outpost in the rear, whereupon the Japanese patrol returned the attack and repulsed the invading Soviets, the dispatches say.

Another 20 Soviet troops armed with a field-gun and several machine-guns again crossed the border and attacked the Japanese border outpost at 4 p.m. on the following day.

Responding to the Soviet affront, the Japanese repulsed them after four hours of fighting.

As the result of the skirmishes, the Soviets suffered seven or eight casualties, the dispatches claim, adding that the Soviet forces are at present increasing forces near the scene of the latest clashes.—DONET

OUTER MONGOLIANS CLASH WITH MANCHUKUO PATROL

Harbin, Manchoukuo, Feb. 9.
Breaking the silence that prevailed along the Manchoukuo-Outer Mongolian border, a group of Outer Mongolian cavalrymen crossed the border and clashed with the Manchoukuo-Japanese frontier patrol on January 27, belated reports received here from the frontier outpost say.

The Japanese-Manchoukuo forces succeeded in repulsing the Outer Mongolian invaders.

Japan Brings Up Reinforcements

Chungking, Feb. 9.
Chinese reports state that as a result of Count Terauchi's request, the Tokyo headquarters have authorised the transfer of five Japanese divisions from Manchoukuo to the Suihsi and Suihsi fronts to assist against the guerrilla campaign. It is stated that part of these divisions had arrived at their destinations and part were en route. It is also reported that Japanese troops are being sent to the Suihsi front to assist against the guerrilla campaign.

GARBO WANTS TO BE A LOON, AND WILL BE

ONE of history's minor landmarks of 1939 will probably be "Greta Garbo Turns Comedienne."

The Swedish star, identified with the screen's most tragic roles for 15 years, has secretly yearned for some time to play comic parts. In fact, up to a point she wants to be a loon. Her wish is to be realised in her next picture, which is to be directed by Ernst Lubitsch, the world's leading exponent of piquant social comedy in films.

The story, at present called "Ninotchka," described as a "serious comedy about a Russian girl," and will show her as a young thing from Moscow sent on a commercial mission to Paris.

It is an entirely new departure for the actress, who has been seen to smile for a few seconds in some of her pictures, her characterisations have been, by their very nature, quite humourless.

MUST HAVE FUN

Lubitsch, on the other hand, bubbles with humor. If any confirmation were needed, it is the fact that three years ago he was described by the German nationality. "You simply must have fun in every picture," he said in London last year. "Omitting it is the mistake so many European directors make."

As he is paid £30,000 a year, he should know. His recent "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife" shows that his cunning has not waned. He thought Noel Coward's "Design for Living" not funny enough, so he had the whole thing rewritten.

He has now left the Paramount studios for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to make two films, "Ninotchka" being the first.

MAY BE AT DENHAM

It is just possible the film may be made in England, for Garbo is one of Metro-Goldwyn's stars for their British production plant at Denham, where "A Yank at Oxford" and "The Citadel" have already been made.

Garbo did not make a film in 1938. Most of the time she has been holidaying in Sweden and Italy.

Her reported marriage in 1931 to Leopold Stokowski, the conductor, has not been denied by the star, who refuses to say yes or no.

In September she returned to Hollywood, where Aldous Huxley, the English novelist, has written for her a film story of the life of Mme. Curie, joint discoverer of radium.

This subject has now been postponed indefinitely.

Flicked Pellet At Girl—Fined 10s

FOR shooting a paper pellet at a girl by means of an elastic band, a 14-year-old boy was fined 10s. at Hastings juvenile court recently.

He was summoned for discharging a missile to the public danger on Hastings front on October 10. The girl, who was struck in the right eye, said she was still unable to see out of that eye.

Police Superintendent Buddle said it was not yet known whether she would lose her sight.

Auto Driven 17 Years

Alton, O.

Lee Clough has driven his 17-year-old automobile a distance equivalent to more than 12 times around the earth at the Equator since 1921. Clough still drives it daily, winter and summer, from his country home 18 miles to the rubber plant where he is employed.



Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. H. T. Buxton and Alberta Pearce Walton—King's Studio.

£20,000 Relic Stolen From Museum

Vanished From Safe In Night

Stockholm.

THE most sensational museum theft for years in Sweden—in many respects like the theft of Leonardo di Vinci's Mona Lisa from the Paris Louvre in 1911—has been discovered at the Royal Historical Museum, Stockholm, it was announced recently.

The attendants found that the museum's most precious Swedish antique, the so-called Swedish bracteate, was missing.

It is a golden ornament dating from the year 400, and it was found in 1587 in the earth at Vadstena, where St. Brigitta founded a convent.

An ornamental gem in imitation of a Roman gold coin or medallion, it is unique because it is the only piece of its kind which has an inscription in the ancient Runic alphabet.

NO DAMAGE

Scientists say that American collectors would give £20,000 for the piece if it were for sale.

The lost antique is so famous that it is incredible that anyone could sell it without detection.

The gem was lost after it had been put for the night in an envelope in an iron safe.

When the safe was opened the antique had vanished, but no visible damage had been done to the safe.

COLLAR BONE HARNESS

SEATTLE.

Dr. Roger Anderson, Seattle bone specialist, has designed a device that repairs broken collar bones with comparatively little discomfort to the victim. The apparatus, made of rubber and metal, holds the arm and shoulder rigid until the bones have mended.

Fiance Falls From Ship, is Drowned

Liverpool.

A TELEPHONE bell early one morning recently awoke 22-years-old Miss Joan Herrington, of East Mossley Hill-road, Liverpool, to hear that her 27-years-old fiance, Mr. Alfred Quine, a Customs officer, had been drowned.

Mr. Quine, who had planned to marry Miss Herrington, daughter of the Water Guard Superintendent of the Liverpool Customs Service, early in the New Year, slipped from a swinging rope ladder attached to the Norwegian steamer Europe in the Mersey.

He fell into the water and when picked up by a searchlight beam was seen clinging to a buoy, but when the launch reached the spot he had disappeared.

Mr. Quine, who was a Merseyside footballer, had been ill with influenza, and he reported for duty yesterday, believing he was fit.

"His death is a terrible shock for my daughter and a great loss to the service," Mr. Herrington said.

CAVE UP JOB

"The couple met about two years ago at Bournemouth, where my daughter was working. As soon as they were engaged she gave up her post and returned home for domestic training. They were to have been married as soon as he received leave."

Earlier 15 men were rescued from a sand hopper which sank after a collision with the Europe.

Fell To Death While Girl Waited

WHILE a blonde 22-years-old girl sat in a car outside Regent's Park tube station recently awaiting two men friends, one of them, Mr. Harold Ratcliffe, aged 26, a mining engineer, of Devonshire, Perivale, near Acton, fell 70ft. down a lift shaft and died later.

The shaft—one of three—was under repair and could only be reached through a small gate.

After a luncheon party, Mr. Ratcliffe and his friend, Mr. William Wood, of Uxbridge-road, Acton, drew up in a car outside the station. The girl watched them disappear down the station entrance. She waited, grew impatient, and then left the car, to hear that Ratcliffe had stumbled down the shaft.

He was alive when workmen brought him to the surface, but died in the ambulance on the way to hospital.

Girl Accepts Proposal From Gravesend Dock

A fifteen-years-old girl said "Yes" in answer to a proposal of marriage from a young man who was standing in the dock of Gravesend Police Court recently.

"I love you, and don't forget," the young man cried across the court. "I love you, and always will. I want you to promise me that when this is over . . . you will marry me."

"Yes," was the quiet answer.

Oliver George Morgan, aged 22, of Thistle-road, Gravesend, pleaded guilty to abducting the girl and committing an offence against her, and was committed for trial at the Old Bailey.

The girl, a smartly dressed brunette, said she met Morgan in June 1937 and started walking out with him this year. They had stayed together at a house.

The girl's mother said that on December 2 she received a letter from her daughter which stated: "If you try to get me back I will do all I can to drag you into the gutter. I would rather commit suicide than come back with you."

In an alleged statement Morgan said: "I have been courting her since June. I mean to marry her when I get my divorce. I did not think I was doing wrong. I am not ashamed of what I have done, and I want to do the right thing by her because I love her so much."

House Mice Are Spanish

BERKLEY, Cal.

House mice originated in Spain and were brought here from that country in commerce, David Nicholas of the American Museum of Natural History told the American Society of Mammalogists here.

Wives To Wait On City Men's Office Boys

STOCKBROKERS' wives are to come into the City each day to serve lunch to their husbands' office boys.

They will be helpers at a club which a group of stockbrokers have decided to open. A vacant warehouse has been secured rent free, a permanent caretaker installed, and facilities will be provided for a hundred boys to have cooked midday meal costing only a few pence. Light refreshments will be free.

A member of the group, Mr. Henry C. Hatfield, said: "Many boys bring sandwiches for lunch and eat them in the City churchyards. Our idea is to provide a club where they can get a cheap hot meal between the hours of twelve and three. There will also be a room for games."

Woman Posed As Duke's Cousin

DESCRIBED as a well-educated woman who had exhausted a private income left her by her parents, Alice Rosina Tibbs, 43-year-old orchestra pianist, of Hampstead, was at Marylebone recently sent to prison for three months for stealing from a fellow-church-goer and for false pretences.

She pleaded guilty. Detective-Sergeant West said that Tibbs became acquainted with Miss Martha Eleanor Smith of Southampton Road, N.W., at Priory Church, Hampstead, and they became friendly. Tibbs stayed with Miss Smith occasionally and later told her that she was Lady Catherine Howard, first cousin to the Duke of Norfolk. She invited Miss Smith to Arundel Castle.

She said she had money in the Standard Bank of South Africa and induced Miss Smith to advance her sums totalling £16 15s. She also borrowed Miss Smith's fur and sold it, and did the same with two rings worth £10.

She was not known at the Standard Bank of South Africa.

She was married and had followed her husband to Buenos Ayres, but returned to England on medical advice.

Murals In Marble

Oakland, Cal.

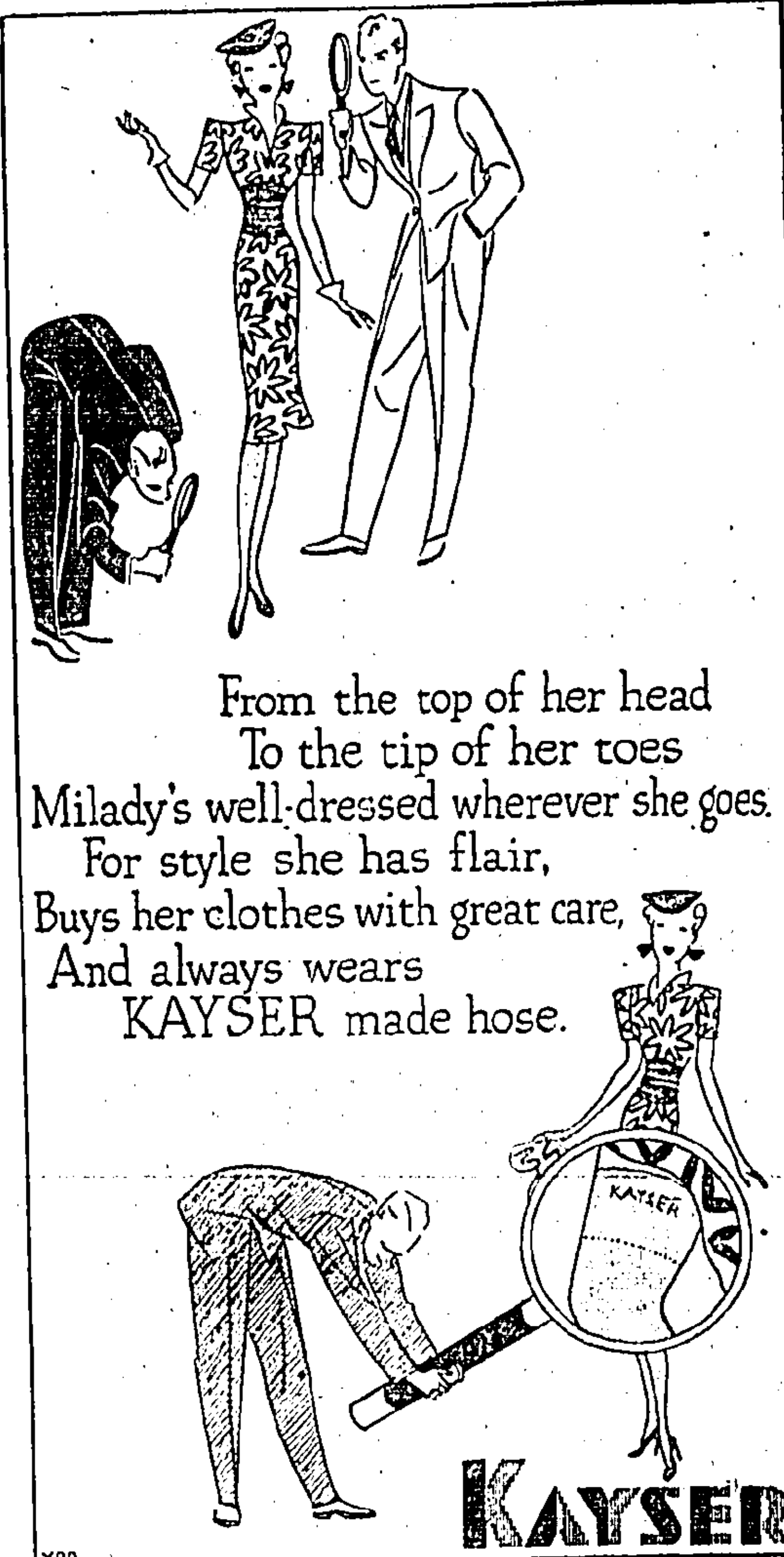
Two of the largest marble murals in the world have been completed in the lobby of the Alameda County court-house by the WPA Federal Arts Project. Twenty-six variegated types of marble from all over the world were cut into patterns and fitted jigsaw puzzle fashion into the two huge murals. They were suggested by similar marble decorations used during the early Roman Empire.

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- Faded Melody (German.)
- R2111. Star Fall From Heaven. Waltz Song (Italian.)
- Mandulinate Di Napoli. Italian Folk Song (German.)
- R2130. Wine and Waltz. Waltz Song (German.)
- My Song of Love. (both from Film "Star Fall From Heaven").
- R2248. Star Fall From Heaven. (Film.) (English.)
- I'll Sing A Song Of Love To You (English.)
- R2142. Eugen Onegin. (Tschalkowsky.) Act 2. (German.)
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Mrs. Kennedy, wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Britain, and their children photographed in London recently.

Parishioners Howl Down New Rector

ANGRY parishioners in Mellis, Suffolk, recently shouted down the Rev. B. Appleyard, who has been put in charge of them by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

At a public meeting they accused the Bishop of over-riding their wishes and resolved to fight his decision.

Mr. Appleyard is rector of Burgate, which parish the Bishop wishes to merge with Mellis.

Mellis wants to remain separate and to have its own rector.

Church officials described the Bishop's reply to their request as "cruel and unbusinesslike."

It was when someone went on to describe it as "high-handed and an insult" that Mr. Appleyard tried to speak.

One of the officials said that the Mellis rectory was to be let to a woman with a number of Alsatian dogs, which would upset the local farmers.

Widow's Broken Heart

THE 62nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Shrubbsall, of Charlotte-street, Sittingbourne, Kent, came round recently.

And that day they died within two hours of each other.

Mr. Shrubbsall, who was 84, had been ill for two months, but his wife, a year younger, was apparently in perfect health.

She was doing odd jobs about the house to take her mind off her husband's death when she collapsed.

HER WISH

"Mother died of a broken heart," a member of the family said. "She said she had no further wish to live."

The couple were known throughout the district as an example of married happiness.

They had nine children. When they were married Mr. Shrubbsall's brother acted as best man and Mrs. Shrubbsall's sister was bridesmaid.

A few weeks afterwards the best man and bridesmaid were also married.

EMPIRE NEWS

PROHIBITION PLANS FOR BOMBAY

BOMBAY. It was announced recently that owing to the success of Prohibition in Ahmedabad City the Congress Government of the Presidency hope to extend the system to Bombay City and other districts.

Ministers have been busy in the last few days discussing details with Mr. Vallabhbhai Patel, chairman of the Parliamentary sub-committee. The Government is working out a three-year plan for complete Prohibition. It may be necessary to extend this by one year, but a majority is reported to be determined to make Bombay dry before the expiry of the life of the present regime.

How the resultant £750,000 deficit will be found is not yet explained.

Australia

WIRELESS TELEPHONE TO U.S.

SYDNEY. A direct wireless telephone service between Australia and the United States has been inaugurated. The first conversation was between Sir Ernest Fisk, from the Beam Wireless Office, Sydney, and the vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., New York.

Mr. W. M. Hughes, Minister for External Affairs, then spoke to Mr. F. B. Sayre, Assistant Secretary of State, Washington. Mr. Hughes sent a message to America in appreciation of the closer bonds between the American and Australian democracies. "On us people of the New World much of the future of civilisation depends," he said.

Mr. Hughes afterwards spoke to Mr. Stanley Bruce, Australian High Commissioner in London, who is visiting the United States on his way to Australia.

New Zealand

UNEMPLOYED RELIEF EXTENSION

AUCKLAND. Mr. P. C. Webb, Labour Minister, announces the extension of the unemployment relief scheme to Jan. 31, thereby giving an extra three weeks' employment.

Although official figures are not available, the total number of persons receiving income from the Employment Promotion Fund is estimated at 35,000. It is not denied by Cabinet Ministers that the weekly cost is £125,000.

The Social Security Scheme allocates only £1,500,000 to unemployment relief. The fate of the unemployed families from February onwards presents the gravest problem for the Government, which has effectively solved the unemployment problem only while there is plenty of money.

But at present every penny is needed to finance the Security Scheme, a splendid conception, but almost prohibitively expensive. Should the revenue fall even slightly the scheme is in danger of toppling over.

Jamaica

£500,000 LOAN FOR PUBLIC WORKS

KINGSTON. The Jamaica Legislative Council passed a bill authorising the loan of £500,000 for municipal works, hospitals and a new Legislative Council building.

The loan will be placed in Jamaica in the first instance.



The Duchess of Kent wore gum boots during the recent cold spell at home.

Large Areas Of Land And Roads Flooded

Naval Boat Capsizes In Gale

HUNDREDS of acres in Wensleydale, Yorkshire, were flooded recently; when, following a rapid thaw, accompanied by heavy rain and a strong wind, the River Ure burst its banks. Many roads were under water, but later in the day the wind dropped and the floods receded to a large extent. By nightfall all roads were passable with caution, but the water was still six inches deep in some parts.

When the River Aire overflowed its banks at Kirtstall, Leeds, flood water to a depth of nearly two feet entered the engine-room basement of the city's power station. There was danger of the plant being brought to a standstill but, after about seven hours pumping by the Fire Brigade, the water was almost cleared. No damage was done and there was no interference with the electricity supply.

The Hereford-Hay-Brecon road was flooded to a depth of two feet and on the Leominster-Hay road, where the water was still rising, there were patches eighteen to twenty-four inches deep. In the Midlands trouble was experienced at Kenilworth Ford and the road was flooded to a depth of fourteen inches.

A landslide in North Wales completely blocked the Caernarvon-Bangor road. Traffic was diverted, but after four hours the debris was sufficiently cleared to permit the resumption of single-line traffic. Heavy rain on Saturday and thawing of snow on high ground caused the Severn to overflow. Its banks along the forty miles from Caerws to Shrewsbury. Low-lying houses were flooded. There were also floods in the valley of the Wye, the Dovey and

their tributaries, and motorists had to make long detours.

A gale, accompanied by lightning, thunder and heavy rain, swept over South Caernarvonshire early one morning. Thousands of acres of low land were flooded. Farmers were early rising herding cattle and sheep into safety. A house in course of erection at Nevin was partly wrecked.

NAVAL RATINGS RESCUED

Twenty ratings were plunged into the sea during the gale at Portland, when a motor-launch belonging to H.M.S. Sharpshooter capsized. The boat was making for Castletown Pier, and it is stated that she struck a submerged wreck. A launch from H.M.S. Salamander was near and the men were pulled out of the rough sea.

There are fears for the safety of leading telegraphist belonging to the Sharpshooter as it is not known whether he was on the launch or not. When pulled out of the water the men were taken to a naval hospital.

Two of five Royal Air Force seaplanes moored in Portsmouth Harbour, were slightly damaged when the motor-coaster Polperro dragged anchor and became unmanageable during the gale. The Polperro fouled one of the aeroplanes, striking a wing and damaged the wing of another machine. She was able to get clear under her own steam and proceed to a safe anchorage.

DRIFTING TRAWLER

Llandudno police received a message from Rhyl coastguard station stating that a trawler, believed to be unmanned, is drifting in a northerly direction, two or three miles off the Great Orme Head. The trawler is stated to have passed Abergele and Colwyn Bay.

A strong south-westerly gale delayed the Fishguard-Rosslare mail steamer. Coasters and trawlers were driven into Rosslare Bay, co. Wexford, for shelter.

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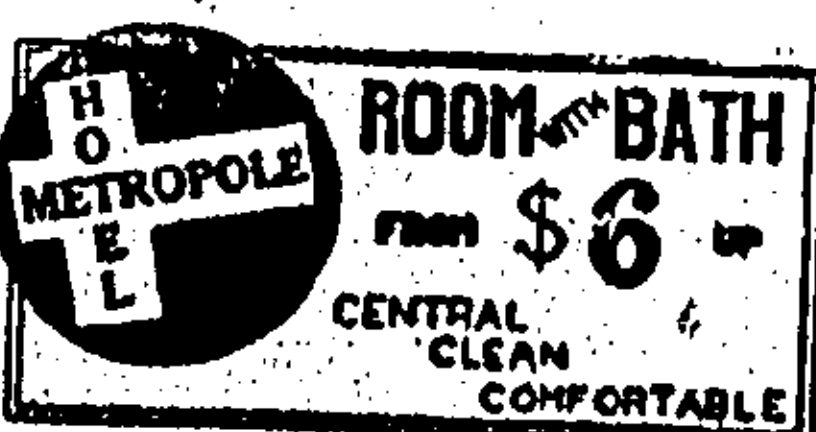
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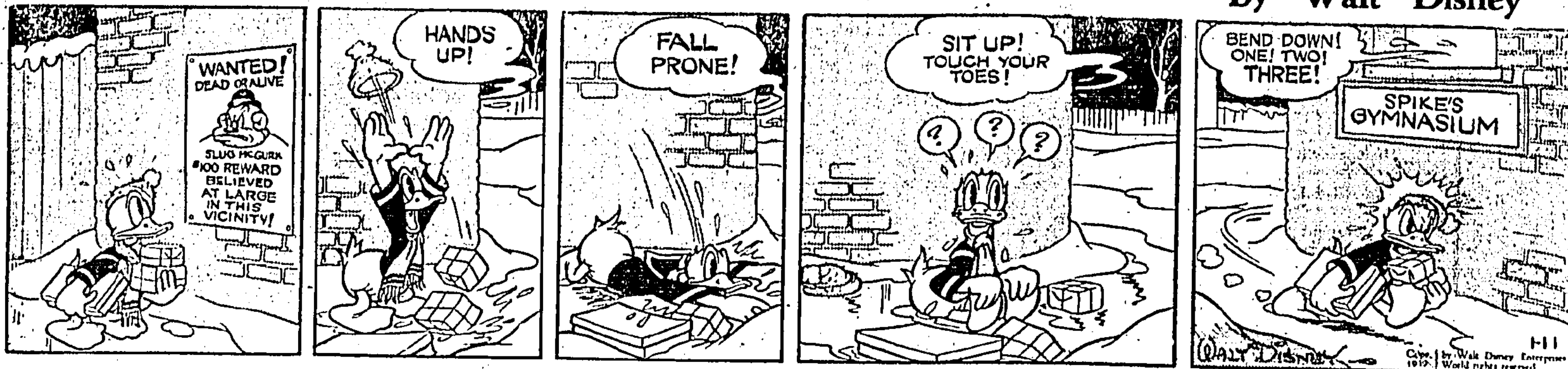
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1889.
 America has agreed to a conference upon the state of Samoa and has recalled the Consul who has divergent views from the Government. Meantime Germany will abstain from acts of warfare.

We have the best authority for stating that the Praya Reclamation Scheme will be carried out on the basis of the original agreement with a few modifications, entered into by the local Government and the Marine lot holders, a decision to that effect having been arrived at by the Executive Council on Saturday afternoon. We shall shortly be in a position to give full particulars of this important measure.

Dye and dye Hongkong will be as full of lawyers as a dog is of ticks. There are about nineteen English solicitors, besides half-a-dozen barristers, &c., and still some born fool at home keeps shipping them out. The latest addition to the ranks of the "Devil's Own" is a bashful young gentleman named Pryne. Mr. Pryne is going to be with Mr. Holmes. At the urgent request of the Attorney-General he was this morning put upon the list and anybody now asking him how he likes Hongkong is liable to get a bill for \$25 for legal opinions.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1914.
 A "split" has occurred in the ranks of the militant suffragists.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst has seceded from the Women's Social and Political Union, which will be directed by her mother and Miss Christabel Pankhurst. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst forming her own organisation in the East End.

Members of the Houses of Parliament are flocking to London for "the most momentous session in history." The fight begins immediately after the King's Speech, the first shot to be fired being an Opposition amendment in both Houses, "regretting that the Government does not intend to consult the country in regard to Home Rule."

Reporting Progress: by Ritchie Calder

TELEVISION TO SAVE YOUR EYES

TELEVISION waves are being used to cure eye-trouble.

Recently at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital I was shown a specially designed short wave generator, like a glorified wireless set, being used for the treatment of inflamed and ulcerated eyes.

This condition is becoming more and more frequent in the strained conditions of modern life. It is particularly common among children who are undernourished and who get insufficient sunshine.

And to counteract it, the eye hospital has enlisted the healing powers of wireless. The wave-length is the same as for television, just slightly above that used by the B.B.C., so that the instrument should not interfere with Alexandra Palace.

The patient lies on a couch, one electrode under the pillow. Wooden arms support two other electrodes, one for each eye, covered with soft pads which press lightly on the eyes.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1929.
 A first rate entertainment was provided at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, last night, when an enjoyable variety programme was submitted by "The Quakers" concert party, under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

Those contributing were Mr. Brudenell, Mr. Shewell, Mr. White, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Finch, Mr. Watling, Mr. Steward, Mr. Gould, Mr. Greenbank, "The Erbs," Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Ives Snelling.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1934.
 The Nanking Municipal authorities are taking every possible step to discourage the observance of the Lunar New Year. All tokens of celebration including the displaying of flags and the firing of crackers are to be prohibited. Shops have been advised by the police not to suspend business during the Lunar New Year days.

Hongkong yachtsmen will be interested to know that the Hongkong yacht Talmoshan, manned by a party of naval officers, has resumed her journey to England and has by now passed through the Panama Canal.

Short waves penetrate the eye, and without discomfort produce a healing warmth which gradually clears up the infection.

LONGER waves are produced by another machine for the relief of glaucoma, a disease of the eye-balls.

These waves reduce the painful pressure within the eye-ball, which without operation would eventually lead to blindness.

This treatment is sometimes used in conjunction with a surgical operation but in certain cases the wireless waves can dispense with the need for surgery.

SINCE so many eye complaints are due to the patient being run down, and thus liable to infection, ultra-violet light treatment is given to the eyes.

Those who associate ultra-violet treatment with clinics where "artificial sunlight" is given only when the eyes are protected with dark glasses, may be surprised at this.

But at the eye hospital, by means of a delicate screening device, the short ultra-violet waves which would damage the eyes are shut off and only the longer, beneficial rays reach the eyes.

The number of patients now being treated by these methods is increasing so much that the department will have to be extended.

GENERAL ELECTIONS

Said to Have Been Fixed For October

London, Feb. 5.
 According to the Sunday Chronicle, Mr. Neville Chamberlain has decided that general elections will be held next October.

The Prime Minister, the paper added, believes that he will then be in a position to announce Britain's superiority over Germany in armaments and aviation, an improvement in trade, the complete elaboration of plans for passive defence, the return of agricultural prosperity, and the certainty that there will be a sufficient supply of foodstuffs in the event of a war.

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11. K. T.
 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Moreton and Kaye (Two Pianos) and Maria de Pietro (Banjo).
 Midnight In Mayfair (Newell Chase); Four Hands On A Piano (Moreton-Kaye); Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye on two Pianos with drums; Mazur (Borowski); Keyboard Kapers (Steele); Mario De Pietro (Banjo); Tin Pan Alley Medley; Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye on two Pianos with string bass and drums; The Moon Of Manakora—Waltz (film "The Hurricane"); Cuore Vagabondo—Tango; Mario De Pietro and His Studantina with Vocal Refrain; Quickstep Medley; Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye on two Pianos with string bass and drums.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and The Massed Bands (Plater); Song Of The Marines (arr. Mackenzie); Grand Massed Bands Festival at the Leicester Brass Bands Festival 1938, cond. by C. A. Anderson, Leicester; The Windy Road (Arabia and Andrew); The Man In The Street (Longstaffe); Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra; Grand March "Le Prophete" (Meyerbeer, arr. Reynolds); Sing A Song (Hes); Massed Bands cond. by J. Henry lies at the National Band Festival, Crystal Palace, September, 1935; Waluta Poi (Hilly); Waltzing Matilda (Cowan, arr. Wood); Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra and Chorus; Hipp, Hipp, Hurrah!—March (Kunoth); Massed Military Bands.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Marek Weber and His Orchestra with Maria Eggerth (Soprano).
 Drinking Song (Schumann); Marek Weber and His Orchestra and Male Quartet; Before I Found You (film "Love's Melody"); Was It Your Smile (Stollberg); Maria Eggerth (Soprano) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Spring's Delight—March-Intermezzo (Alibout); Deutscher Meister Regimental March (Jurek); Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Always, When I Am Happy (Grothe-Marschke); Manolo (film "Always, when I am Happy"); Maria Eggerth (Soprano) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Spring Song (Mendelssohn); Simple Aveu (Thome); Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.
 2.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) September in the Rain; (b) Take another guess; (c) Where the build river goes by; (d) Swing high, Swing low.

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6.14 Record: On Top Of A Bus (Carr-Arden); We Agree Perfectly (David-Coots); Len Berman (Vocal) with Orchestra and Step-Dancing by Len Berman.

6.21 (a) At your beck and call; (b) When Pa was courtin' Ma; (c) Meet the beat of my heart (d) Pled Piper of Humeln Town.

6.35 Records: Niacette (Maud); A Japanese Sunset (Deppen); R. E. McPherson playing on the Organ of New Empire Cinema, London, with Violin; Sny Close To Me—Waltz (film "Mazurka"); Fred Stein (Piano).

6.44 (a) I can't escape from you; (b) Swinginola; (c) Basin' Street Blues; (d) Embassy Stomp.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Todd Duncan, Josephine Baker and Cab Calloway and His Orchestra. Chinese Rhythm—Fox-Trot; Weakness—Fox-Trot; Cab Calloway and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; Cab Calloway; River God (from "The Sun Never Sets"—Cole Porter); Drums (from "The Sun Never Sets"—Cole Porter); Todd Duncan (Vocal) with The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra cond. by Charles Prentice; Copper Coloured Gal—Fox-Trot; Cab Calloway and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Suppose! (Dixon and Dimoni); Pretty Little Baby (Baker and Bernie); Josephine Baker (Vocal) with Orchestra; Nagasaki—Fox-Trot; I Ain't Got Nobody—Fox-Trot; Cab Calloway and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

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News Is Knowledge

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Q.—Where are scientists trying to breed a type of cat which will be a perfect "mouser"?
 A.—In Germany. Dr. Kurt Schaefer, man of the German Pansar League, is working with scientists to produce a breed of cat "which will show special ability in destroying mice and rats."

Q.—What is going to happen to the wandering tribesmen of the Libyan Desert?
 A.—The Italian Government plans to build five villages for them in Libya and compel them to abandon

their nomadic mode of life. The scheme is part of Italy's 1939 programme for colonising Libya.
 Q.—What Italian troops are fighting for Franco in Spain?
 A.—Six Italian Divisions. They are the Littorio, whose commander arrived in Spain early December; Black Arrow, commanded by General Pichone; Green Arrow, under General Batiste; Blue Arrow; Black Flame; March 23rd Division. All are under High Command of General Cambria, who recently replaced General Berth.

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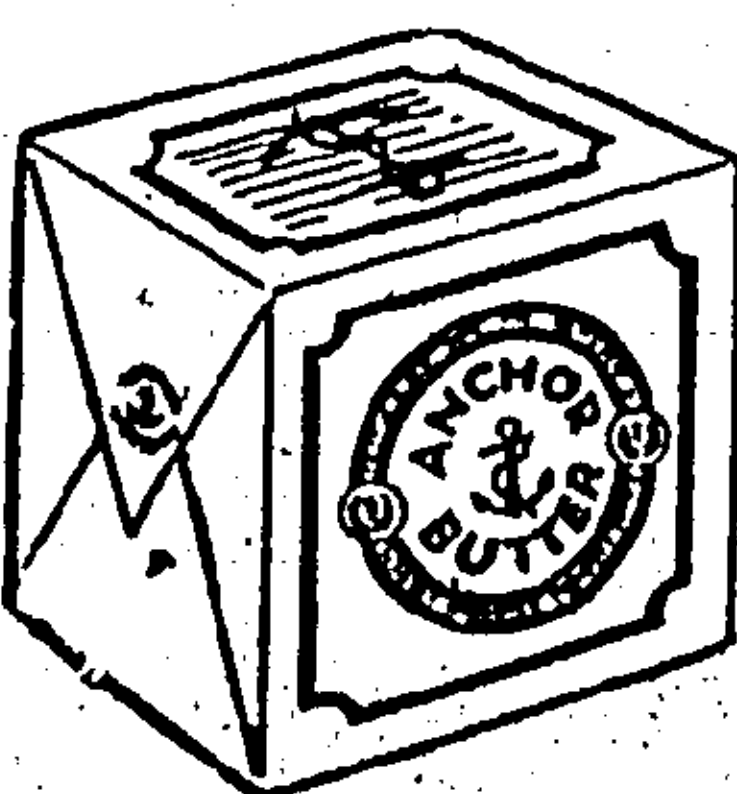
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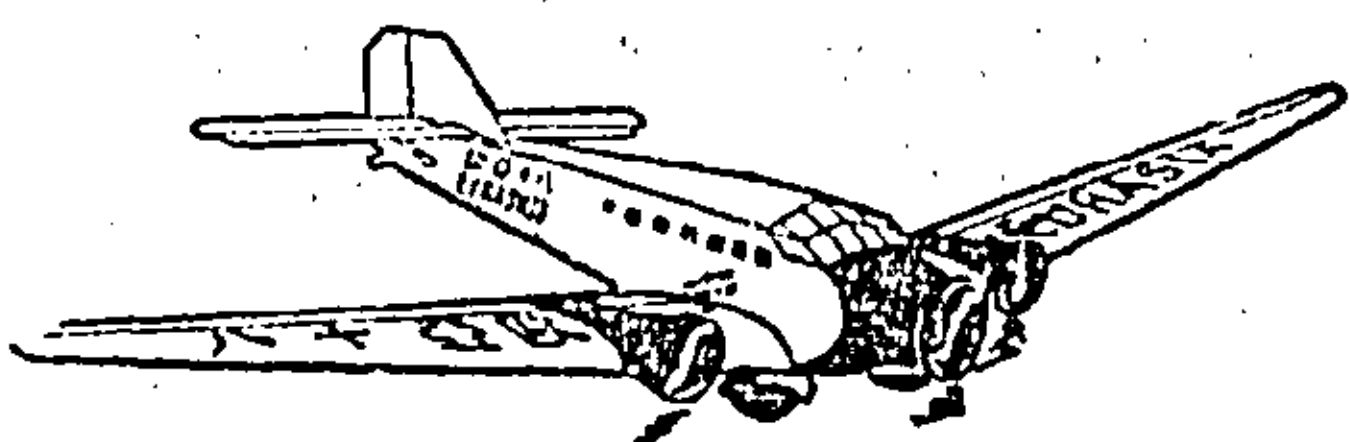
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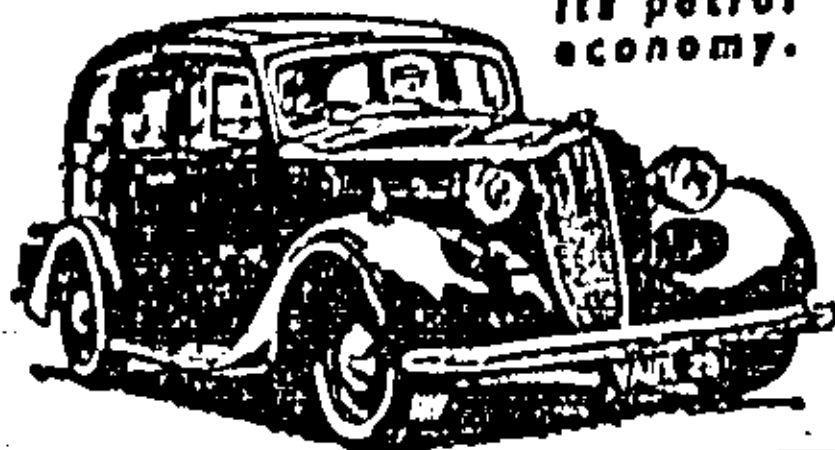
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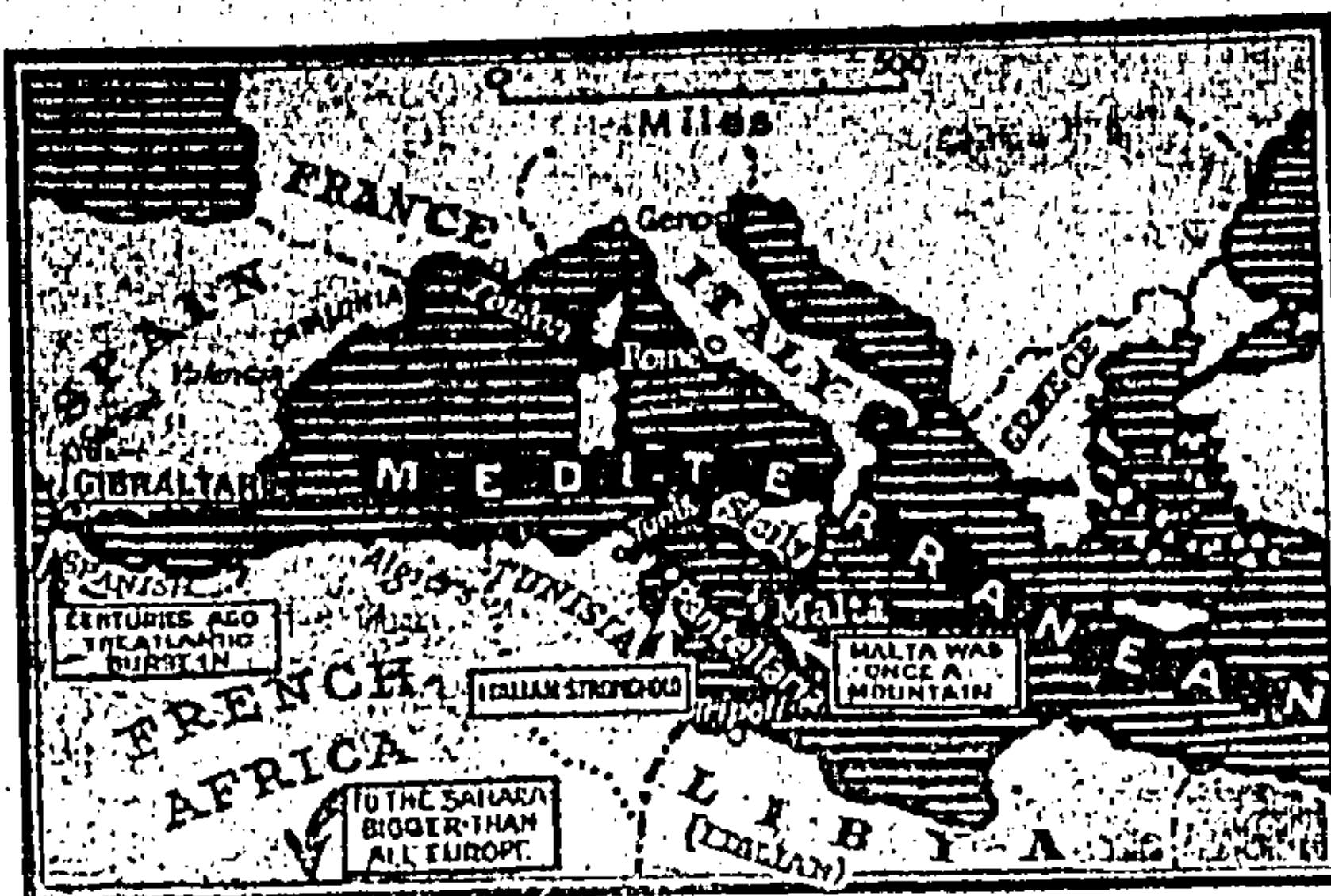
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No Safety In Isolation

By contemporary European standards the programme which the Military Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday approved to Congress for defence is comparatively modest. The Committee has approved President Roosevelt's request for a total appropriation, over and above the ordinary defence budget, of £105,000,000, of which £42,000,000 is to be expended by the middle of next year. What is chiefly noteworthy about this expenditure is not the amount but the object, which is to improve the effectiveness of the United States defences in meeting a sudden emergency.

President Roosevelt, it will be recalled, recently reminded Congress that it was 14 months after the entry of America into the last war before she was ready to take part in a major engagement. Thanks to the rapid development more especially of the air weapon, no such respite for preparation could be counted on in a future war. In this new situation the existing defence forces of the United States may be found somewhat inadequate and there is some reason on insistence for immediate action.

Only very recently and with difficulty has it been brought home to the people of Great Britain that modern conditions have shattered their age-long geographical immunity from attack. From being one of the least vulnerable islands Great Britain has become in the course of a few years one of the most vulnerable countries in the world. The United States, though a good deal farther away from probable centres of aggression, is no longer so far away that she can continue to presume upon the protection of distance alone. Such is the expanding range, speed and capacity of the aeroplane that if she is not yet accessible to the bomber to-day she may be to-morrow. She finds herself faced as never before with the risk of attack from other continents. Concurrently with the vast increase in the means of attack has grown the disposition to use them. Technical and political considerations alike are compelling her willy-nilly to abandon her dream of comfortable isolation.



**A Little
Lesson In
Geography**

READERS MAY recall reading the other day about the bristling batteries of guns that command the approach to Tunisia from the north-east.

The night I wrote that article we pulled our chairs nearer to the fire and talked.

What! you exclaim; fires in Africa? Of course there are. Africa, you know, is just a cold country with a hot sun.

Well, we began to talk of the Mediterranean scene, this strange and dangerous sea which was once most undoubtedly the cradle of civilisation, and I began to realise what a lot there is we do not know about the "Middle of the Earth," or the Middle Sea.

How Big is the Sahara?

WE unrolled a map and began to check up distances; how near is this to that; how far from shore to shore. Then we realised that in these days of long-range guns, swift sea or land planes, wireless telegraphy, and silent-moving submarines, distance was, in terms of naval warfare, almost eliminated.

To say that the area of this place is so many thousands of square miles means very little; nothing but many figures. Now look at geography from another angle and you will find how staggering comparative size may be.

Ask yourself this question: "How big is the Sahara?" You know it is "very big," but did you know that it is bigger than Europe?

Down towards the south of the Sahara is Lake Tchad. It does not look very large on the map and is close to that queerly named place Timbuctoo.

All-French Route

DO you know, have you any idea of, the size of Lake Tchad? I can tell you that this lake is approximately the same area as Belgium, and it takes a motor-boat capable of doing 13 knots two days to cross the lake. I happen to know this because two French explorer friends of mine are starting a motor-boat service across the lake next Sunday.

Previously, travellers had to go through British Nigeria to reach Timbuctoo. The new route is "all French."

Just another proof of what Mr. Chamberlain found in Paris this week: that our neighbours have suddenly become Empire-conscious.

Mr. Chamberlain is in Rome, actually 15 miles from the Mediterranean. The port of Ostia is the nearest to Rome. We in England regard the Mediterranean as a pleasant place for cruising, sun bathing, or whence to escape the rigours of our winter. Even if the Premier was not conscious of it, Signor Mussolini would quickly call attention to the one big Mediterranean problem, as Italy sees it.

The Duce once said that Italy must regard herself as an island in the Mediterranean; there you have the Italian side of the question in a nutshell.

Britain's Lifeline

THE "Middle Sea" to Britain means a lifeline, vital marine communications. To France it means a piece of water across which she must bring black troops from Africa, hundreds and hundreds of thousands of them.

Now, Mussolini is a former journalist—he was a fellow-reporter of mine at the Cannes Conference—and I feel sure he sees the Mediterranean not only in terms of shrunken geography but in vivid pictures.

History, history, history; half the history of the world around those shores on which the tide scarcely moves.

Let us go back, back to the beginning of things. Hundreds of thousands of years ago, what we to-day call the Mediterranean was a marshy swamp, with huge tracts of forest land. Here prehistoric man dwelt with the wild beasts.

Scientists tell us that these men were veritable giants, and strong, like the Biblical Goliath. They hunted the animals for their meat and their skins. Life continued thus until Mother Nature took a hand.

Look for a moment at the left-hand corner of the map of the Mediterranean. You will notice how close Africa is to Europe here. So near is it that I have stood in Algiers and with the naked eye, seen the mosques and gleaming white houses of Tangier.

Then there came the day, countless centuries ago, when the barrier which kept the Atlantic Ocean out of the swampy land where prehistoric man chased wild horses, broke, and the waters rushed in. That is how the Mediterranean became a sea, a very dangerous sea.

Of course, there were mountains high enough to keep their heads out of the swirling waters. Those mountains are there to-day. Very likely when you were cruising you visited them. Didn't you know they were mountains? They are; Malta and Cyprus, for instance.

Island Stronghold

OTHER Mediterranean islands may be volcanic, thrown up long after the Atlantic rushed in. One such island has recently come into the news. I mean the island of Pantellaria, an Italian stronghold, a few minutes' flying from those bristling batteries of French guns I mentioned earlier.

What pages of momentous history! Try to imagine a day when Napoleon Bonaparte was embarking at Toulon for Egypt. The "Little Corporal" was in an evil mood. The Government had wished him to invade England, and as this was not considered feasible Napoleon had decided to seize Egypt as a jumping-off ground for the invasion of India.

Napoleon was moody because Nelson was in the Mediterranean, and it was not safe; also his wife would not accompany him to Egypt; also there was a great storm which held up the sailing for several days. Then the skies cleared, Napoleon sailed—and as an afterthought

**World
slanging
match
up to date**

THE world is not at war—but there is a perpetual world war of words these days, you will have noticed.

Here is a list of quotations taken from statements and speeches by world leaders during the past twelve months. In perspective they show a remarkable increase in frequency and frankness.

February 12, 1938: Article in officially approved Italian newspaper II Regime Fascista: "The tension between Great Britain and Italy is far more acute than is generally supposed. Our opinion will not change until London's foreign policy ceases to be directed by Mr. Eden."

In many speeches and on many occasions he has shown his poisonous attitude of mind towards Italy.

February 20: Mr. Eden resigns. September 28: Dr. Goebbels speaks in the Lustgarten, Berlin: "It is a shameless provocation on the part of Benes to plunge Europe into a bloody conflict. He places his trust in Moscow or in the warmongers of Paris or London."

October 5: Dr. Benes resigns. November 7: Herschel Feibel Grunspan shoots Ernst vom Rath, third secretary at the German Embassy in Paris.

November 8: Dr. Goebbels's paper, the Angriff, published photographs of Churchill, Duff Cooper and Attlee grouped with pictures of Jewish assassins, such as Grynszal and David Frankfurter, who shot Dr. Gustloff, leader of the German Nazis in Switzerland, in 1936. The statements were shown as "the men who provoked others to murder."

November 14: British Charge

stopped off at Malta long enough to capture the island.

Then came Nelson, the end of the Egyptian campaign, the Battle of Trafalgar, and a long era of peace in the Mediterranean. My space is running out. Let us give the kaleidoscope a quick turn round. Here are the Moors crossing the sea to subdue Spain. Another twist: here are the Moors going back to Spain, but this time as hired mercenaries to fight for Franco.

They've Tried to Rule It

PERHAPS, while Mr. Chamberlain stays in the Eternal City he will remember the dangerous things that have happened in the place which cradled the civilisation we know.

Pirates and merchantmen fought, but the sea was made safe again for commerce. Turks and Spaniards have ruled the Mediterranean, and also those old Romans.

Men have come down from the North to cross into Africa and try to rule it, and twice Africa has crossed to the northern shores. Three continents—Europe, Africa, and Asia—meet on the Mediterranean.

Its possibilities for peace or war are great, but let us see to it that this "Middle Sea" is not the grave as well as the cradle of the civilisation we know.

d'Affaires in Berlin protests against the Angriff article.

November 15: President Roosevelt speaks at a Press conference on the plight of the Jews in Germany—the news of the past few days.

"The news of the past few days from Germany has deeply shocked public opinion in the United States. I myself could scarcely believe that such things could occur in twentieth-century civilisation."

November 30: Count Ciano makes a speech in the Chamber of Deputies declaring that the Italian Government's policy would be based on the protection of Italian interests and the "natural aspirations" of the Italian people.

The speech is greeted with shouts from the deputies of "Tunisi" and "Corsica."

December 9: The Lokalanzeiger comments on Lord Baldwin's broadcast appeal on behalf of Jewish refugees.

"The speech is the limit of mendacious humanitarian hypocrisy. His speech is a 100 per cent. expression of Anglo-Saxon cant. Anglo-Saxon exploitation of thelachrymatory gland and Anglo-Saxon gutter humanity."

"We must ask of Lord Baldwin that he should not meddle with our affairs like a milkmaid."

December 13: Mr. Chamberlain speaks at the Foreign Press Association dinner: "I must deplore the recent attitude of the German Press, which, in one case, has not scrupled to pour out its vituperation against our most respected statesman, himself only recently the Prime Minister of this country and in few cases has shown much desire to understand our point of view."

December 18: Mr. Harold Ickes, U.S. Minister of the Interior, speaks on totalitarianism: "To seek a true comparison we must return to a period when man was unlettered, benighted and bestial. Certain sections of Europe to-day make it possible for anthropologists to study primitive man without a reconstruction of the social order on the basis of a human jawbone or a few implements used long ago. The intelligence and culture of a humane people has been sunk tracelessly in the thick darkness of pre-primitive times. Witchcraft has been enthroned, and modern dictators have set themselves up as high priests of a more cruel if more refined voodooism."

December 31: The official Nazi paper, Voelkischer Beobachter, says: "It is only too obvious that these continual invectives by leading Americans must be attributed to Jewish pressure which has for a long time been strangling the freedom of decision of the present Washington regime."

January 2, 1939: Daladier visits Corsica and is handed a Corsican vendetta dagger by the deputy mayor of Ajaccio. He flourishes it, making a gesture of cutting a throat.

January 4: President Roosevelt speaks at the opening of Congress: "We, no more than other nations, can afford to be surrounded by the enemies of our faith and of our humanity. We cannot safely be indifferent to international lawlessness anywhere."

January 5: German official news agency comments on President Roosevelt's speech: "Roosevelt's accusations against Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, even in the mouth of a head of the State, did not change their character as exceptionally stupid and dirty untruths."

To be, as the serials reassuringly say, continued in our next, no doubt.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



Reich Has Difficulty Collecting Big Fine

BERLIN, Feb. 9. THE FACT THAT the German Government is encountering serious difficulties in collecting the one milliard reichsmarks fine from the Jews, levied as a result of the murder of Herr von Rath of the German Embassy in Paris, is revealed by an announcement by the Finance Minister published in the official "Tax Gazette."

The announcement consists of a new circular giving detailed instructions of the methods of paying the fine. The new instructions order Jews to sell all personal and valuable objects before attempting to liquidate their stocks, bonds, and real estate.

It is believed that this measure is necessary, partly by the heavy depreciation in real estate values, as well as by a slump in the stock market towards the end of last year, due to hurried liquidation by the Jews.

JEW SELL OUT

The circular also reveals that many Jews have been selling their houses and other real estate at values prevailing in 1935, instead of current values, with a resultant general depreciation of real estate prices.

The announcement orders that in cases where such property is liquidated, sales must be at prices generally current now.

The difficulties revealed by this circular support the belief of well-informed financial experts that the Government is not likely, in the end, to obtain more than a half of the total fine, particularly as Jewish real estate is already heavily indebted. The next instalment of the fine is due on February 15.—United Press.

AGREEMENT REACHED BY ARABS

To Present United Front At Parleys

LONDON, Feb. 9.

IT IS NOW confirmed that an agreement has been reached between the two sections of the Arab delegations to the Palestine conference in London.

The two sections will form a single delegation.

The Nashashibi Party will be represented by Raghe Bey, Nashashibi, and Yacoub Farraj, the vice-President of the Defence Party. Farraj is also head of the Greek orthodox community in Palestine.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, who had taken a prominent part in the Palestine negotiations, had an audience with the King this afternoon, and informed His Majesty of the latest situation.

CONFERENCE BEGINS

A picturesque scene was presented by the arrival of the Arab delegates at St. James' Palace for the first Palestine discussions.

The Egyptian delegation, wearing European dress, were followed by the Yemen representatives in white turbans, green sashes, and wearing the customary daggers, while the leader, Prince Al Hussein wore his famous golden scimitar.

Next came Prince Faisal, heading the Saudi-Arabs in long, embroidered gold robes, with traditional flowing head-dresses.

The Defence Party representatives, Raghe Bey and Nashashibi were indisposed and unable to attend, the Defence Party was not represented at the first meeting.

The conference began at 5.10 p.m.—Reuter.

Chinese Must Wear 'Good Citizen Badge'

Canton, Feb. 9.

The Japanese authorities are insisting that every Canton Chinese wear a "good citizen badge," including the Chinese employees of foreign firms, and British and American consular servants living in Shumoen.

A special office for issuing badges to Shumoen Chinese was opened yesterday, but the badges do not guarantee freedom from search, and freedom of transit to all parts of the city.

A reliable source, returning from Taiping, 20 miles south-west of Canton, reports that Taiping is the centre of Chinese guerrillas under the command of the ex-warlord, Lei Fook-lam. They are preparing strong resistance to a possible Japanese attack in the Sunkai and Chungshan districts.—United Press.

Schacht To Leave On World Tour

Berlin, Feb. 9.

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, will shortly make a trip around the world in an entirely private capacity, says a reliable source.—Trans-Ocean.

LETTERS

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—With regard to the article you printed on February 8, I would like to bring to your notice that the heading of the article, "World Home For Jews Advocated," is not appropriate, but that Herr Rosenberg suggested: "World Concentration Camp For Jews."

Surely the word "home," one of the most beautiful in the English language and signifying all that is valuable to us, is not synonymous with "a reservation under the supervision of a strong police force" no doubt a police force such as stood by and watched the September pogroms.

The statement that struck me most in reading the article was the German Educator's reason for opposing a Jewish Home in Palestine. For weeks now the German Press has been spreading vicious propaganda condemning British treatment of Palestine Arabs (although there are over 80,000 people being tortured in German concentration camps). However, the Herr does not plead the Arabs' case, nor does he even so much as mention them. But he opposes the formation of such a state on the grounds that the Jew would dominate the Near East economically and would provide unassailable refuge for Jews "of criminal character."

The motto on the flag behind which Hitler, Goebbels & Co., marched to power was: "The Jews have economically ruined Germany." But the Herr says that a Jewish state would be economically powerful!!!

Further the Herr says such a state would provide refuge for criminals—simulating thereby that the Jews, having given the world the Ten Commandments, would copy Nazi methods and murder, burn, loot, and rob in the name of Justice.

The ideologist goes on to say that the Jews should be put into a concentration camp on behalf of the democracies. One would have thought that Hitler would be only too pleased to see the Jews destroy "democracy" and help in the spread of Nazism—or perhaps he thinks they want to set up communism, a state of affairs in which they would be assimilated and perish far more completely than Mr. Hitler and Co., can ever accomplish.

The Herr ends his argumentum ad populum with the pessimistic declaration that even after Bolshevism and Judaism had been excluded from power there will still be conflicts—surprising, calling Mr. Hitler a liar, for does not Hitler say in Mein Kampf that the Jews are the source of all evil?

W. D.

FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL MEETS

Rome, Feb. 9.

The Fascist Grand Council meets at 10 p.m. to-morrow for the second time within a week, but it is unlikely that foreign affairs will take up much time, as it is considered that these were exhaustively covered at the last meeting.

There is no doubt, however, that the Spanish question, particularly relating to Minorca, will be discussed. No sensational communiqué is expected.—Reuter.

Motor Car Exports Show Decline

New York, Feb. 9.

The value in exports of motor vehicles in 1938 amounted to \$283,000,000, according to the Department of Commerce, representing a decline of 21 per cent. compared with 1937, but still above the average of the last five years, which is \$265,000,000.—Reuter.

Evacuation From Kuling Discussed

Shanghai, Feb. 9.

Deliberations concerning the evacuation of foreigners from Kuling are to be held on Friday at Kiukiang between the British, United States, and Japanese authorities.

The United States gunboat Oahu, with the British and American vice-consuls aboard, arrived at Kiukiang from Hankow to-day.—Trans-Ocean.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

fulfillment pilluloseo plunimento kill-k-v. illowat English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9



A RECENT PICTURE OF POPE PIUS

The Pope Unconscious After Severe Attack

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 9.

THE CONDITION of His Holiness the Pope has taken a turn for the worse, and a semi-official announcement describes his condition as "grave," and added that deep anxiety is felt.

It is announced that there is a general weakening and rising fever.

However, the authorities emphatically denied reports that the Pope is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, but emphasised that the gravity of his condition was due to the strain on the heart due to influenza.

Earlier an order was issued for three days of prayer for the Pope's health in all Rome churches.—United Press.

UNCONSCIOUS FOR NEARLY AN HOUR

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 9.

The Pope's condition grew considerably worse this afternoon. After His Holiness had passed the night satisfactorily, attended by his physicians, he suffered another serious attack of asthma this afternoon, and remained unconscious for about three-quarters of an hour.

It is admitted that the Pope's strength had declined.—Trans-Ocean.

ALL ENGAGEMENTS CANCELLED

Vatican City, Feb. 9.

It is stated that not only the deputy of the Pope's personal medical attendant, Professor Rocchi, but also the Pope's nephew, Dr. Franco Ratti, the deputy of the Church State Secretary, and the Secretary for extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs, were called to the Pope's bedside to-day.

In consequence of his weak state, Pope Pius will now have to rest completely, and will be unable to attend neither the assembly of the Italian Episcopate on Saturday, the celebration of the anniversary of his consecration, or the reconciliation between the Vatican and the Quirinal, which takes place on Sunday next in St. Peter's.—Trans-Ocean.

NO CONFIRMATION IN HONGKONG

Questioned this morning as to whether special services would be held in Roman Catholic churches in Hongkong to pray for the Pope's recovery, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Bishop Vallarta said: "I do not believe that His Holiness the Pope is so seriously ill."

"I can do nothing until I receive confirmation."

GREAT WILL TO LIVE

Rome, Feb. 9.

The Pope's courage says that his will to live, until he has addressed Italy's 200 bishops on Saturday, is so great, that he may survive.—Reuter.

Canton Warship Sailings Resume

H.M.S. Moth leaves for Canton this morning and the U.S.S. Mindanao and the French gunboat Argus return from Canton.

These are the first foreign ship-pling movements since the Japanese ban placed on navigation on the Pearl River a week ago.

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BRITAIN'S ANSWER TO JAPANESE DUMPING

Increased Duties On Iron, Steel Staples

LONDON, Feb. 9.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS to-day adopted an additional import duties order relating to insulated iron or steel staples, designed to meet Japanese competition.

Mr. Noel Baker (Lab.) expressed the opinion that the Government had given the least convincing reasons for the order, namely the reduction in sales of Japanese goods.

If Mr. H. H. Cross, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, who moved the adoption of the order, had said that they wanted to boycott the goods, because they were produced with sweated labour, and as a measure of retaliation against Japanese treatment of British interests in the Far East generally, they would have had more sympathy with the order.

They had previously urged that there should be a general inter-governmental boycott of Japanese exports, and he hoped the Government had come to share these views. An order relating to west pile velvets, designed to protect the Lancashire industry from Japanese imports, was also approved.—Reuter.

FURTHER BORDER CLASHES

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mongolians after three hours of fighting, the frontier dispatches state. Two Outer Mongols were killed and one other wounded, the advices claim.—Domet.

FOUR HOURS FIGHTING

Tokyo, Feb. 9. A report from a Japanese source concerning the frontier incident on the north-west Manchukuo border, where, according to an official Soviet account, Japanese-Manchukuo troops on an island within Soviet territory, fired on Russian forces, states that Soviet troops crossed the frontier of Manchukuo, and fired upon Manchukuo frontier guards.

After being driven back following the arrival of reinforcements, the Russians re-appeared and made another attack with machine guns and heavy guns.

Fighting lasted four hours, ending in the retreat of the Soviet troops for a second time.

On the Russian side, it is claimed, eight were killed.

Another frontier violation, says the report, took place at Lake Bulnuor, 400 kilometres south-west of Hailan, where a cavalry troop from Outer Mongolia attacked the frontier guards. Two of the attacking force were killed, and several machine guns lost.—Trans-Ocean.

INSURGENT PRISONERS

Bourgnadame, Feb. 9.

Nine hundred and fifty insurgent prisoners regained their liberty for a few minutes to-day after being marched across the French frontier only to lose it again by being sent back to Spain.

This arose from the delay in exchange of prisoners between the Loyalist command at Pulcerda and the insurgent authorities at Hendaye. The French authorities are all Spaniards, mostly captured at Teruel and brought over under armed Spanish guard. As they marched across the bridge over the river which marks the border of Livia river they cheered the French and shouted greetings at their guards.

They gathered in an open field ready to be formally checked in, but a few minutes later the French-Spanish border authorities realised that they should not have been brought to France until the French Embassy authorities arrived with formal word that the exchange was taking place. Moreover, Spanish guards were standing rifle in hand on French territory which could not be marched back across the bridge to a field on the Spanish side, where they would await orders for exchange.

REFUGEES ON BRITISH CRUISER

London, Feb. 9.

The cruiser Devonshire (9,750 tons) left Minorca yesterday with 450 refugees aboard.

The Devonshire, it was revealed here yesterday, conveyed to Minorca the insurgent military commander of Majorca, Colonel San Luis.

The British Government's role in the matter: it was explained by official circles here, was confined to providing transport for Colonel San Luis at the request of the insurgent authorities.

It is not known whether Colonel San Luis left Minorca aboard, the Devonshire.—Reuter.

OCCUPATION OF LE PERTHUS

Le Perthus, Feb. 9.

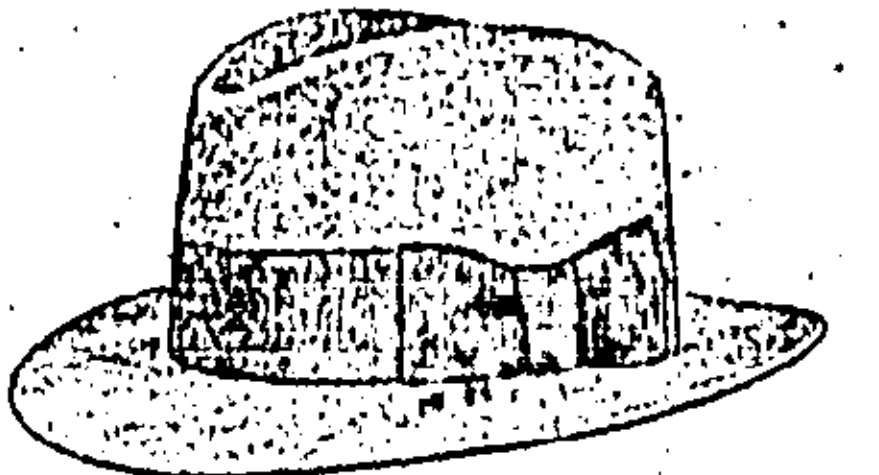
Insurgent occupation of the Spanish part of Le Perthus completely surprised the military authorities.

Only ten minutes previously lorry loads of Loyalist troops calmly passed through the town.

The occupation was completed without a shot being fired. Three insurgent flags broke over the Carabiniers' posts on the frontier and the Loyalist flags were torn down.

Three insurgent generals then walked slowly through the streets while the inhabitants hurriedly hung insurgent flags from the windows and shouted "Arrriba Espana."

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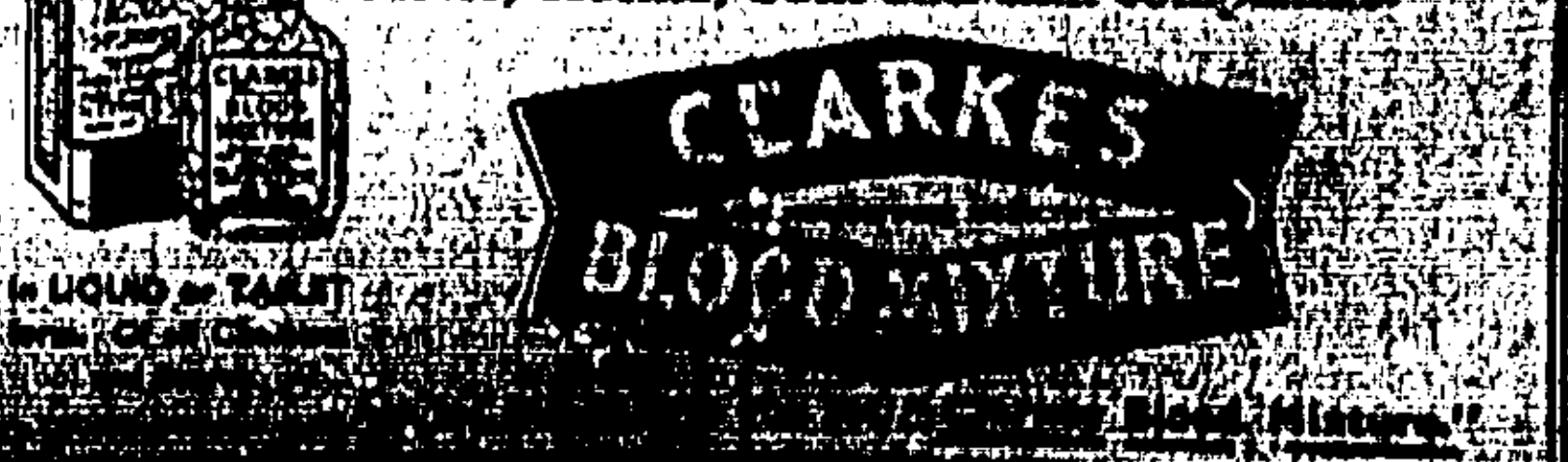
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**Grand National Race
To Celebrate Its
Fourteenth Birthday**

**WHY NOT CALL ONE
FENCE "BECHERS"?**

All the sporting celebrities will no doubt wend their way to Fanling on Sunday when two Grand National Steeplechases (one confined to Australian and the other to China ponies) will be contested at Kwanti racecourse. There are, in addition, the Fox Hunters' Plate (a hurdle race for China ponies, bona fide hunters) and three flat handicap events for Australian and China ponies.

Ebony Idol Should Win Race Again

The Stewards of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club are to be congratulated in providing the public with such an attractive programme.

In every hunting country and point-to-point course there is at least one fence called "Becher's" and it seems a pity that the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt Club have not as yet thought fit to name one of the fences as such. There are, of course, other fences called the Canal Turn, Valentines', Brooke, etc. At Kwint's racecourse we have only two fences, known as the Open Ditch and the Water Jump, and I see no reason why some of the fences should not be named after the founders of the Fanling Hunt Club such as the late H. Birkin, the late Dr. Pierce Grove, W. Stanton and E. M. Hazland, the latter being responsible for the construction of the racecourse. While on the subject they may just as well add the name of J. H. H. The Duke of Kent.

Ebony Idol, the winner of last Grand National is among the list of this year's entries and this pony, belonging to Mr. H. B. L. Dowbigging has a big chance of annexing the race a second time, and to add his name to the list of only four others who have twice won the Blue Riband at Kwint. The handicapper, Mr. C. M. Alves, has set Diogenes an Ebony Idol to shoulder the limit load of 160 lbs. but judging by his fin-

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The Fox Hunters' Plute (a hurdle race) has drawn a dozen entries and the jump is over a distance of 1 1/4 miles. As a ban has been placed on winners of any race of this season we shall see a good contest between Double Chance and the other horses. The Grand National, Matolo and Mortmain. The first named, in my opinion, is head and shoulders above all the other entries and should the owner decide to have a crack at the opening event Mortmain is my fancy; with Matolo and The Minx to fill the minor positions in the frame.

DISTANCE SHORTENED

It will be seen that in 1931 the run was over two and a half miles, but the jump was reverted back to 2½ miles in the following year and in 1938 the distance was shortened by two furlongs. For this last two years the journey was over the Derby course, but on Sunday the contest is over 1½ miles.

It will be recalled that the 1933 Grand National drew only three starters, namely, Christmas Frolic, Duke of Milan and Loch Ryan and the Chinese challenger, who, in previous seasons, was made a hot favourite. However, after half of the circuit had been covered, Mr. Stanton on Christmas Frolic had a nasty tumble and was obliged to withdraw, ahead to win in easy fashion. The spill robbed Mr. Stanton's chance of annexing the Grand National for three successive years. It is interesting to note that the Chinese owner, who was the first Chinese owner to capture this classic in 1927,

New York, Feb. 4.
At the annual meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis Association here to-day it was decided to award the 1939 Davis Cup Challenge

**NEED MORE PRACTICE
TOGETHER BEFORE
THEY MEET MANILA**

The Hongkong Interport football team will have to play very much better than they did yesterday if they hope to beat Manila. In a practice game at Causeway Bay against the Rest of Hongkong, they were held to a draw of 1-1 in spite of the fact that the latter team played with four substitutes.

Up against a defence which by no stretch of the imagination could be said to be really strong, the Interport forwards failed to mark any appreciable headway most of the time; and when they did succeed, their shooting was so poor that McAllister, in the Rest goal, had little difficulty in dealing with the shots fired at him.

In fact, weakness in shooting was the failing of both sides. Though the Interport forwards seemed to be the nippier bunch of men, they also had less shooting boots behind; otherwise, they would have finished the

from this, he did not show anything out of the ordinary. As a matter of fact, without knowing the players, one would have preferred Lee Yau-leung, the Junior player, to Hau, the selected Interport left wing.

Neither goal-keeper had much to do. McAllister was beaten by a rasping drive by Lee Wai-tong in the second half. The ball hit the bottom of the bar and bounced inside the goal-line, although the Interport players must have admitted the goal to Hau Ching-to, who headed the ball into the net from the rebound.

came on the winning goal. Goanoo worked hard throughout, he seldom could give Lee Wai-long the passes which the centre-forward wanted. Lee wants to be through, he was alone yesterday when he got yesterday's passes in the air which had to be brought down under control. By the time he had done this, he was out of the play. He is a superb player.

If anything, the Rest forwards showed better combination than their opposite numbers. The left-wing combination of Gomes and Lee Yau-leung (a Third Division South China player) was the best on the field, and between them they made many openings for Chan Tak-fai and Lee Tak-kee. Unfortunately the centre

As a spectacle, the game fell far below expectations. But it has to be understood perhaps that the players had got together for the first time and could not be expected to settle down so quickly.

Definitely another practice match is needed, and the sooner the better.

Teams:

Hongkong. — Tam Kwan-ko (South China); Lee Tin-san (South China), Sheehan (Middlesex); Honeywell (Navy), Dlxo (Navy), Leung Wing-chiu (South China); Fowler (Club), Fung King-cheung (South China), Lee Wal-ton (South China), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's) and Hau Ching- (Eastern).

(Rest of Hongkong.—McAllister (Navy); Ho You-sang (Kwong Wah); Chang Chung-wan (Easter); E. L. Strange (Club); Lau Hing-chai (South China); Tse Kam-hun (South China); Tang Kwong-sun (South China); Lee Tack-ku (Eastern); Chan Tak-fai (South China); Gomes (St. Joseph's) and Lee Yan-leung (South China).

London, Feb. 9.
In the First Division of the English
Football League, Leicester City
playing at home, were beaten
Charlton by five goals to one.—Re-
sults.



Berlin, Feb. 9.
Rudolf Caracciola, the German
motoring ace, drove his three-litre
Mercedes Benz on a special stretch
of the Dessau-Bitterfeld autobahn at
a speed of 248.28 miles an hour to-

day over a mile in a flying start, and 247.46 kilometres an hour over a kilometre, thus beating the existing international Class D records by 03.84 miles and 92.33 kilometres respectively.

Rome, Feb. 9.
The Italian Olympic Committee met to-day to discuss bidding for 1944 Games.
Italy wanted the 1940 Games, but in a last-minute vote, swung.

The Council is expected to draft

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 9.
Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Fabyan to-day won the inter-colonial women tennis title, when she beat Miss Peggy Scriven of England in straight sets by 6-2, 6-3.—United Press.

Light-hearted and thoroughly enjoyable tennis was seen at the Kowloon C.C. yesterday afternoon when the Shanghai Students team were entertained. Of the five matches scheduled, only four were completed, the fifth being unfinished owing to darkness. Honours were even, each side winning two matches.

On the whole the display given by the visitors was of a fairly high standard. They were all very good with the bat, but at the net

The following are the teams specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow:

Home Winners

Wolves
Sunderland
Chelsea
Derby
Coventry
Tottenham
Queen's P.R.
Reading

Optional Selections
 Portsmouth
 Chesterfield
 Cardiff
 Oldham

My selections for the first six events are as follows:

THE FANLING GRAND NATIONAL
AND PIERCE GROVE MEMORIAL
CUP

Ebony Idol
 Diogenes
 Double Chance
 THE FOX HUNTERS' PLATE
 Mortmain
 Malolo
 The Mixx
 THE AUSTRALIAN GRAND
 NATIONAL

Brutus
Strathcarrick
Teviotdale

THE QUEENSLAND HANDICAP

Cape York
Roofly
Rex

THE KWANTI CUP
Flybynight
Plain View
Tempest
THE AU TAU HANDICAP
March Brown
Herlot
National Dignity

I do not expect to see a good field for the Queensland Handicap which is a flat race for "C" class Australian ponies over six furlongs. Of 7 entries, Strathcarrick will be running in the Grand National and Violent Queen is definitely not starting. Plummary is hopeless on the flat and I hear that Racing Heart is not in his best. Cape York is in constant training and he should register his first win for the owner with Roodhouse and Rex following in the rear.

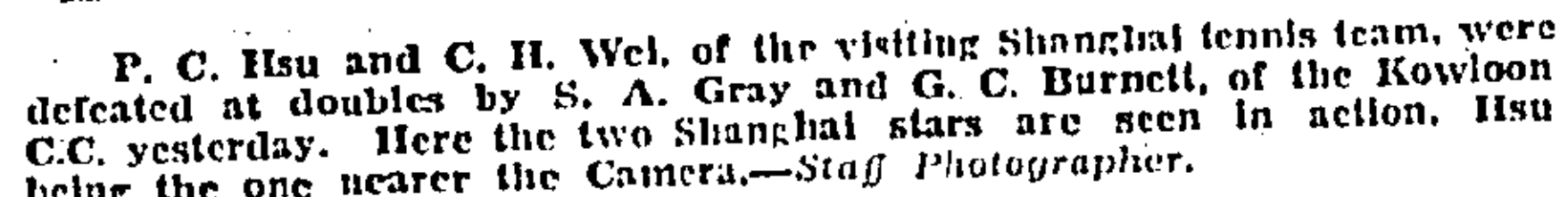
The Kwanti Cup, a handicap race for "D" class China ponies, over a mile. It is rumoured that Sylvandale is under a cloud as Royal Highness is not making a trip to Fanlling. Plain View, Mr. H. C. Pih up, should be one of the favourites, but I like Flybny with Mr. Wei in the saddle. Good Morning did not run too well in last outing at Kwanti, but it appears to me that the brown gelding is looking extremely well and he is dangerous. I have reason to believe.

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miles) Strathcarrick, the winner, v
in receipt of 10 lbs. from Brutus,

The following teams will represent the Craigengower Cricket Club Senior and Junior Division league cricket matches to-morrow.

2nd. XI v. Royal Navy (home).
3. R. Iranee (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria
4. R. H. Farnall, A. B. Harrison,
5. C. Hung, A. K. Ismail, A. T. Lee,
6. R. M. Popley, G. Souza, A. Zimmern and
7. R. Zimmern.
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3. R. Iranee (Capt.), W. Hong Sill
4. C. C. Hung, C. W. Lam, J.
5. Leonard, H. P. Lim, T. Locke,
6. Omar, W. K. Way, G. Winch and
7. R. Zimmern.



NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

SPECIAL \$1 DERBY SWEEP SELLING WELL

First Prize Certain To Be Over A Lakh

(By "Captain Foster")

The Hongkong Jockey Club is conducting a special dollar cash sweep on the Hongkong Derby to be contested on February 27, and the latest news, at time of writing, is that sale of tickets has exceeded over 250,000 mark. At this figure the first prize is guaranteed over \$100,000.

The race club is also conducting a forecast pool on the same classic event, on all entered ponies, whether they subsequently start or not. The conditions of the pool are too lengthy to reproduce in this column, but they have been circulated to all the members of the Club and extra nomination forms may be obtained at the Treasurers' Office, Exchange Building or the Club House at Happy Valley during the usual office hours.

The cost of each forecast is as follows:—
\$1 before 5 p.m. on Monday February 13,
\$2 between 5 p.m. on Monday February 13 and 5 p.m. on Wednesday February 22,
\$3 between 5 p.m. on Wednesday February 22 and 3 p.m. on Monday February 27.

The following nominations have been received for the Hongkong Derby:—
Annas Bay, Armylight, Avon, Besaber, Blue Express, Conquering Time, Ermont Bay, English Cavalier, Eve of Harvest, Eve of Heaven, For All Time, Foxglove Star, Galveston Bay, Harmony View, Heald View, Hopeful Time, Hyndford Bridge, Jennifer, Lady Love, Lillib, Lovely Star, Lusitania, Maybar, Navylight, Papoose, Peaceful View, Prince Charming, Rose Elect, Spring Time, Taxing Master, Viber and Victoria.

FINE GALLOP

The gallop of Hyndford Bridge, belonging to Mrs. Eva Pearce, struck the knell of King's Warden as the best "amphibious" pony of the Dynasty stable. Last Monday, Hyndford Bridge (Mr. Needa) and King's Warden (Russian boy) were given a test over the Derby course and Mrs. Pearce's candidate came off with flying colours. The mare took 3.14 to cover the classic's full distance and King's Warden never had a blither. Hiding by his stable mate. The last three quarters were run in 1.34 and the last mile was done in 2.08 flat. It was certainly an amazing feat. Hyndford Bridge's full time was three four-fifths seconds faster than the performance of Silkyglint when he created a sensation at this time last year.

Mr. Eric Moller arrived here last week for the Annual Race Carnival. His griffin, Navylight, delighted the early birds with a fast run over the champion course and romped home with a flourish of trumpets accompanied by Candlelight (an Australian sub-griffin) the first two furlongs of 1 1/4 miles were galloped in 40 seconds, but all the other subsequent quarters were firework, averaging inside 31 seconds per quarter and the stopwatch showed a 2.02 for the last mile. The merit of the gallop was that the Australian champion could not keep up the pace and we have therefore to keep a sharp "lookout" for Navylight.

We all expected that Rose Elect would do a fast distance career over the week-end, but the mare with the Russian trainer up had a slow mile.

PEACEFUL VIEW

Another good gallop which came under my observation was that performed by Peaceful View (late Highborn Eve, a kept-over griffin) who put up a fine show over the champion course in 2.43, returning 23 1/2 seconds for the last quarter. In analysing the whole time one would find that the last half-a-mile was run in 60 seconds and the last mile was 2.06 flat. Being a hard-mouthed lady I am not too sanguine about the mare's capability as a stayer, but at the same time Peaceful View must not be ignored.

I said all along that Conquering Time was the best griffin from Mr. Li Po-chun's string and the mare demonstrated her graceful legs over a furlong of 1 1/4 miles in 2.45, registering 31 seconds dead for the home stretch.

Taking everything in the balance I suggest Hyndford Bridge, Navylight and Rose Elect as the most possible combinations. With the inclusion of Conquering Time, Lillib and Peaceful View, a punter can get 120 possible combinations on six starters.

Starting Times Announced Golf At Fanling On Sunday

The following starting times for Fanling on Sunday are announced:

Old Course

- 1.10 H. E. the Governor, K. S. Morrison.
- 1.11 D. J. Gilmore, S. H. Dodwell.
- 1.12 E. H. Williams, T. Meers.
- 1.13 R. H. Gregory, R. T. McMillan.
- 1.14 A. R. Parnes, I. H. Gower.
- 1.15 G. W. Mayhew, E. J. Fagiano.
- 1.16 R. G. Parker, I. P. T. Wether.
- 1.17 L. C. Pearce, T. P. R. Waters.
- 1.18 M. A. Johnson, W. Woodward.
- 1.19 J. M. Pearson, W. E. James.
- 1.20 D. D. Evans, D. D. Evans.
- 1.21 G. S. Archibald, D. A. Weather.
- 1.22 A. J. Shirley, F. C. McMillan.
- 1.23 P. C. Jackson, A. A. Bremner.
- 1.24 A. G. I. Fowler, C. R. Hale.
- 1.25 S. J. H. Fox, I. H. Mundy.
- 1.26 W. C. Shaw, D. S. Edward.
- 1.27 C. M. M. H. H. Beddow.
- 1.28 C. R. R. J. F. F. F.
- 1.29 J. H. W. W. R. R.
- 1.30 P. S. Delaney, D. H. H. H.
- 1.31 H. H. H. H. H. H.
- 1.32 J. S. Key, E. W. Kirk.
- 1.33 H. Harrison, R. R. de L. L.

New Course

- 1.10 M. S. H. H. H. H.
- 1.11 M. S. H. H. H. H.
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- 1.27 M. S. H. H. H. H.
- 1.28 M. S. H. H. H. H.
- 1.29 M. S. H. H. H. H.
- 1.30 M. S. H. H. H. H.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Shopworn Angel" (Kline's Theatre, to-day).—Remake of a film based on a story called "Private Feltigrew's Girl," telling how a chorus girl married a doughboy so that he might carry his (mistaken) ideal of her to the trenches—where he was killed, allowing her to return to her playboy. It is sentimental stuff in parts. Margaret Sullivan is the girl, James Stewart the doughboy and Walter Pidgeon the playboy.

"You're A Fling" (Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-day).—Whatever the pretensions of this mild romantic comedy, they have not been made full use of. Andrea Leeds portrays the romantic strolling block that prevents Joel McCrea, a Kansas farm boy, from going to sea. Her pursuit is something for Frank Buck to study.

"You're A Sweetheart" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Light, frothy stuff, but entertaining withal. Alice Faye sings her way into your heart.

"Sally, Irene and Mary" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Sally, Irene and Mary were three pretty girls. Sally was the one who sang, Mary inherited the show-boots for her to sing in, Irene who did acrobatic dances, and wore curl papers at night. The best moments in the film come from the comic partnership of Fred Allen and Scherazade Durrant. The three girls are Alice Faye, Marjorie Weaver and Joan Davis.

REFEREES MEET

The half-monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held in the offices of the Hongkong Football Association, Room 66, 4th Floor, Bank of Canton Building, on Monday, February 13, at 8 p.m.



STONECUTTERS COMBINED ELEVEN, WINNERS OF ISLAND LEAGUE FOOTBALL SEASON 1938-39. Back Row (left to right)—L/Bdr. Mason, Bdr. Bevan, L/Bdr. Sumpster (Capt.), L. Bdr. Coleman, Bdr. Hunt, Gnr. Brooks. Front Row.—Gnr. T. Tang Sik-hong, Sgt. Charles, Gnr. Goodenough, L/Bdr. Cross and Wong Kit-hing.

DRAMA OF MEDICINE, SACRIFICE

"A Man to Remember" Previewed Yesterday

"A Man to Remember," an RKO Radio Picture which will be screened here shortly, is a drama of medical work in a small American town. It presents an inspiring story of a lovable doctor who dedicates his life to relieving the suffering of the poor and who dies in a moment of great happiness.

The film opens with his funeral whilst his three creditors, in search of money, open his safe and, in looking through his papers, picture the whole of his life in the town. We see his successive struggles, including the adoption of a deserted baby girl and the "blackmailing" of a wealthy citizen into providing a much-needed hospital.

Following Dr. Abbott's successful war on an infantile paralysis epidemic in which he provokes the business men's and medicals' hostility, the town in general realises his great assistance and proudly thanks him for his services.

Edward Ellis presents a fine study as Dr. Abbott in his undaunted devotion to his work. There is a strong emotional appeal throughout but the film, fortunately, is free from sentimentality.

Edward Ellis is well supported by a competent cast including Anne Shirley as his adopted daughter, and Lee Bowman as his son Dick. Gravelle Bates, Harlan Briggs and Frank M. Thomas present splendid character studies as the three hard-headed creditors.

The film is based on the book "Fatherhood" written by Katherine Haviland-Taylor.

Olympic Games JAPANESE URGED TO TAKE PART

Mr. Katsu Kawasaka (Minsell), during the Lower House session on Wednesday, urged the Government to participate in the Olympic Games for 1940, which are to take place at Helsinki, pointing out that by taking part in the international games Japanese would be able to show her prestige as the victor in the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Replying, Welfare Minister Hirose said that it was still not time to make a decision on the matter. The Government leader reserved his reply until a further occasion—Domei.

HOCKEY ELEVENS

The following will represent the Combined Schools' hockey team against the University at Pokfulam on Monday at 4.45 p.m.:

A. Odell (C.B.S.), Z. Gosano (La Salle) and P. Rull (La Salle); V. Pryde (C.B.S.), A. Sousa (St. Joseph's) and K. Singh (St. Joseph's); R. Mohamed (Queen's), R. Castro (La Salle), G. Singh (Queen's), A. P. Silva (La Salle) and R. Silva (La Salle).

St. Andrew's Ladies

The following will represent St. Andrew's in a Brown Cup match against the Club de Recreation on Saturday at 2.45 p.m. on the C.B.A. ground:

J. O'Sullivan; D. Chow and J. Broad; Arnold; V. J. Ho, M. Chum, S. Roberts and T. Jex.

Good Scores Recorded At Rifle Shoot

In spite of the departure of the 11th Submarine Flotilla to a warmer climate than that experienced on the Range on Wednesday, and the Royal Scots to camp, a large number turned up for the weekly Spoon Shoot.

Conditions were not conducive to good shooting, with a cold fresh wind blowing across the Range and a dull light, but good scores were recorded especially by C/Sgt. Hale who returned a 99 to win the Nett S.R. (b) Spoon. A possible was recorded by Condr. Hill at 500 yards.

The Handicap Spoons for S.R. (b) were won by Mr. Anning of the Dockyard Rifle Club, and Sgt. Tomlinson of the R.A.S.C. L/Cpl. Langford of the Middlesex won the S.R. (a) Nett Spoon with the very creditable score of 98, and the Handicap Spoons were won by Pte. Grumby, Dry and Harvey.

The following are the leading scores:

S.R. (b)	200	300	500	Tot.
C/Sgt. T. Hale (Sec.)	29	34	32	95
Condr. J. R. Hill (2)	25	34	25	84
Mr. P. G. Heather (Sec.)	31	31	22	84
Mr. F. G. Maule (3)	31	31	22	84
Sgt. K. C. Ho (4)	31	31	22	84
Pte. L. C. Fennell (5)	31	31	22	84
Sgt. M. F. Rushman (6)	31	31	22	84
Sgt. W. R. H. (7)	31	31	22	84
Sgt. A. Neale (8)	31	31	22	84
Sgt. C. C. (9)	31	31	22	84
Mr. L. A. Anning (10)	31	31	22	84
Sgt. K. C. Wong (11)	31	31	22	84
Major G. P. Murray (12)	31	31	22	84
Pte. D. L. (13)	31	31	22	84
Capt. R. T. G. (14)	31	31	22	84
Lt. W. Nunn (15)	31	31	22	84
Capt. F. H. (16)	31	31	22	84
Capt. G. C. Dawson (17)	31	31	22	84
Sgt. G. C. (18)	31	31	22	84
Sgt. W. Street (19)	31	31	22	84
A. Billingham (20)	31	31	22	84
Sgt. P. Banister (21)	31	31	22	84

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OUR SPILLING BEE (see page 7.) Fulfillment of the "Spilling BEE" promises—kill-joy—kill-joy.

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SUNDAY AT THE QUEEN'S

Shanghai Indignant At Criticism

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FANLING RACES ON SUNDAY

(Continued from Page 8.)

that a mile is too long for the Leopard, but be careful of Tempest, for he is good for big money.

Au Tau Handicap An Open Race

The Au Tau Handicap for "E" class runners among the China ponies is a flat race over six furlongs and it looks to me to be very open. Heriol, Mac's Adventure, March Brown and Styrie are in the same back line and all of them are speedy merchants over this distance. National Dignity has been more or less handicapped in his two outings at Kwanli racecourse, but should this handicap be able to reproduce his bluntness form when he annexed the Hongkong Handicap at Macao last Sunday, he should catch the horse's eye first.

LAST EVENT

The next event on the card will be a handicap over half-a-mile for "F" class runners. This is a very open race and it looks to me to be very open. Heriol, Mac's Adventure, March Brown and Styrie are in the same back line and all of them are speedy merchants over this distance. National Dignity has been more or less handicapped in his two outings at Kwanli racecourse, but should this handicap be able to reproduce his bluntness form when he annexed the Hongkong Handicap at Macao last Sunday, he should catch the horse's eye first.

Aeroplanes Inspire the New Hats



HATS are growing wings, and this new style is so distinctive that hatters and hairdressers have got together on a new hair style to suit them.

Here you see three of Erik's new models and the hair dressing that Erik and Antoine are sponsoring. The new brims have the broad spread of aeroplane wings and are short back and front so that women can both see and be seen.

Marlene Dietrich has chosen the wide-brimmed black hat at the top. She wears the veil very long and twisted round her neck and the only trimming on the hat is a large gold-headed hatpin. Vails are worn in new ways, as seen on the other two models. They are attached to the crown of the hat and swathed round the head, sometimes across the face and sometimes not.

G. M. B.

Too Silent Wives

SOME women envelop themselves in an icy silence when they consider they have a just and lawful grievance.

The proverb says that silence is golden, but on occasions it becomes one of the most inhuman and most annoying things that human nature can devise. We all know, of course, that it is right to keep one's temper under control, to maintain one's dignity at all costs and to avoid saying those cruel things that people do say when they have lost their temper. But even a virtue so admirable as self-control can be overdone, and if a wife thinks she has been badly treated, a little outburst of good, honest temper is infinitely preferable to that awful, frigid silence that chills the spirit of other people.

There is no surer way, of course, of punishing an unfaithful husband, than to reduce any normal, good-tempered, tractable husband to a quivering mass of frayed nerves and impotent anger in less than ten minutes—and, for that reason, it is a barbed and dangerous weapon to use. So often, it can turn what should be no more than an unimportant little rift into a major quarrel with a nasty, jagged edge, whereas a few hasty words would have cleared the domestic air in a moment and brought the sunshine out again.

In this world of ours, and human nature being what it is, an occasional good, wholesome row is a wonderful tonic. It is the finest insurance against a descent to that painful, cat-and-dog existence that some married couples "enjoy." It is only the people who brood over their grievances and lock themselves up in an injured silence who get this way. Anger and bitterness will out, and if it does not come out normally and rationally, it breaks out in ceaseless bickering.

Ann Booker

LET THEM MAKE THEIR OWN SWEETS

THERE'S nothing children home from school like better than making sweets. Turn them loose in the kitchen and the result, even if it gets stuck to the saucepan, will taste nicer to them than Bond-street chocolates.

Here are some which, with a little supervision over the boiling, your children should be able to manage.

Fruit Fondants

One lb. of loaf sugar;
1 gill water;
1 dessertspoon glucose
(glucose for cooking costs 5d. per pound).

Any kind of chopped nuts (whole ones if liked), seedless raisins, dates, crystallised ginger and cherries. Put water and sugar in the pan together, stir until the sugar dissolves.

Add the glucose, bring to the boil, and continue to boil until crystals form.

Remove the pan from the heat and allow fondant to cool. Turn on to a wet marble slab or into a large basin. Work mixture with a wooden spoon till creamy; keep free from cracks, then work in the nuts and fruits. If liked, the fondants can be worked up into balls, and halved nuts placed each side sandwich fashion.

Chocolate Truffles

Four-ounce block of plain chocolate.

Two ounces icing sugar.

One and a-half tablespoons of unsweetened evaporated milk.

Half teaspoon vanilla essence. Desiccated coconut.

Melt the chocolate. Do not allow to get hot. Stir in the sieved icing sugar, also add the milk. Now add vanilla essence, and work all together well. No cooking is needed.

Russian Fudge

One pound granulated sugar.
One large tin of condensed milk (unsweetened).

Two tablespoons of water.
Three ounces butter. Vanilla essence.

Dissolve the sugar in the water. Add milk and butter. Bring to the boil, then boil for half an hour, until when tested in cold water the fudge forms a ball. Remove from the heat at once, add vanilla, then pour into buttered tin and mark into squares while warm.

Lemon Toffee

One pound granulated sugar.
Four ounces water.
Juice of one lemon.
Essence of lemon.

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the sugar and boil up slowly. Stir for a few moments while it is boiling and add one teaspoonful of lemon juice.

Continue boiling until it "threads," add the rest of the lemon juice and a few drops of essence of lemon. Turn out on to a buttered tin.

FILLETS OF SOLE WALEWSKA

PREPARE fillets and place in a shallow casserole with a little onion, salt, pepper, a bouquet of herbs, small pieces of butter and a glass of white wine. Cover with lid and cook slowly for about 10 minutes. Remove fish and keep it hot. Strain the liquor in which it was cooked, and thicken with an egg yolk. Do not boil. Pour this sauce over fish.

Garnish each fillet with a piece of lobster meat, a tiny crescent of puff pastry, and a slice of truffle. Brown slightly under grill and serve at once.

CHICKEN SPATCHCOCK

SPLIT a young chicken, season well, paint with butter, and cook under a hot grill for 30 minutes. Baste with the butter.

While this is cooking put two tablespoonsful of Worcester sauce with an ounce of butter into a jar. Melt this in the oven and stir well, and serve in a sauceboat. Garnish chicken with sprigs of watercress.

JAPAN'S UNEMPLOYED Wage Index Highest For Fifteen Years

Tokyo, Feb. 9.
The number of unemployed in Japan stood at 374,600 at the end of last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The figure includes 22,500 workers who have been forced to change jobs as the result of the rise of munitions industries. Ex-employees of companies and factory hands reached 88,300.—Domest.

Record Wage Index

Tokyo, Feb. 9.
The average labour wage index has reached the highest point for the past 15 years, according to a survey made by the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Continuing its steady rise since last August, the index figure at the end of December stood at 122.9, compared with the basic number of 100 for 1935.
This figure showed an increase of 5.0 per cent. on that of November and 11.9 per cent. compared with the index for December 1937.—Domest.



Ideas In Economy

ECONOMY is frequently misunderstood. It should not be regarded as a household bogey, for economy carried out on proper lines is an important part of the administration of every household, no matter how large or small the income.

Economy does not mean saving and scrimping of money only. The saving of time and energy are of great importance, and economy in this direction will bring leisure and good temper as dividends.

It is in the kitchen that drudgery should be eliminated, and the chief economies practised. Make an economical use of floor and wall space. The main purpose of the kitchen is for the preparation of food. It saves much time to have a place for everything you need to prepare meals, and a proper stock of the necessary articles.

Kitchen Equipment

It is an economy to have the kitchen equipment grouped so that the minimum number of steps is required in carrying out the many kitchen tasks. A china cupboard placed next to the kitchen sink, and a saucepan stand placed under the draining board make washing-up an easier matter; also a table near the cooker saves many journeys.

Care of cleaning materials is a form of economy which, though small, is rarely practised. So many housewives get into the bad habit of using cleaning materials extravagantly. Liquids are left uncorked so that they evaporate or get knocked over; pastes are left with their lids off and get hard and useless. Large handfuls of soap and soda are thrown into the washing-up water, where, smaller quantities would be just as efficacious. If not more so, as too much soda takes the paint and gliding of china.

When it comes to food, few housewives are economical. It is no economy to buy cheap food, which has little real nourishment, and to look upon good food as a luxury. But it is equally bad economy to buy good food and then not take the trouble to cook it properly.

Using Odds and Ends

A great source of waste in many households is the throwing away of nutritious odds and ends. Remains of meat, fish and vegetables can be utilised in making countless tasty dishes. Study a good cookery-book and you will find methods that will make left-overs into the most intriguing dishes. Bones and meat trimmings can be used for stock or gravy, and remnants of bread and cakes made into puddings.

If you have an electric cooker economise by using the heat left when the current is switched off. At breakfast time prepare the vegetables



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EMBEZZLEMENT CASE

Madame Wang Ching-wei's Brother Arrested

Word was recently received in Shanghai to the effect that a brother-in-law of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, well known Kuomintang statesman who favours peace with Japan, has been arrested in Mengtze.

He is Chen Chang-tsu, director of the Aero Manufacturing Factory in Kunming and brother of Madame Wang Ching-wei, popularly known as Chen Bing-chuan, one of a few women members of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang.

He is alleged to have fled from his post carrying a large sum of money. His disappearance was reported on January 16 but quickly the Military Affairs Council ordered all branch offices to look for him and he was eventually arrested a few days ago in a flying school in Mengtze.

He will be court-martialled.

or meat for the luncheon and have them in pots or casseroles ready to place on the hot plates when kettles and pans are removed.

Economy with coal can be effected by placing a few lumps of chalk or broken brick at the back of the grate. This throws out a good heat. When cleaning the grate in the morning sieve the ash and cinders and return the cinders to the fire. They burn brightly with a good foundation. The ash should be kept in a jar for use in removing stains on dishes and pans.

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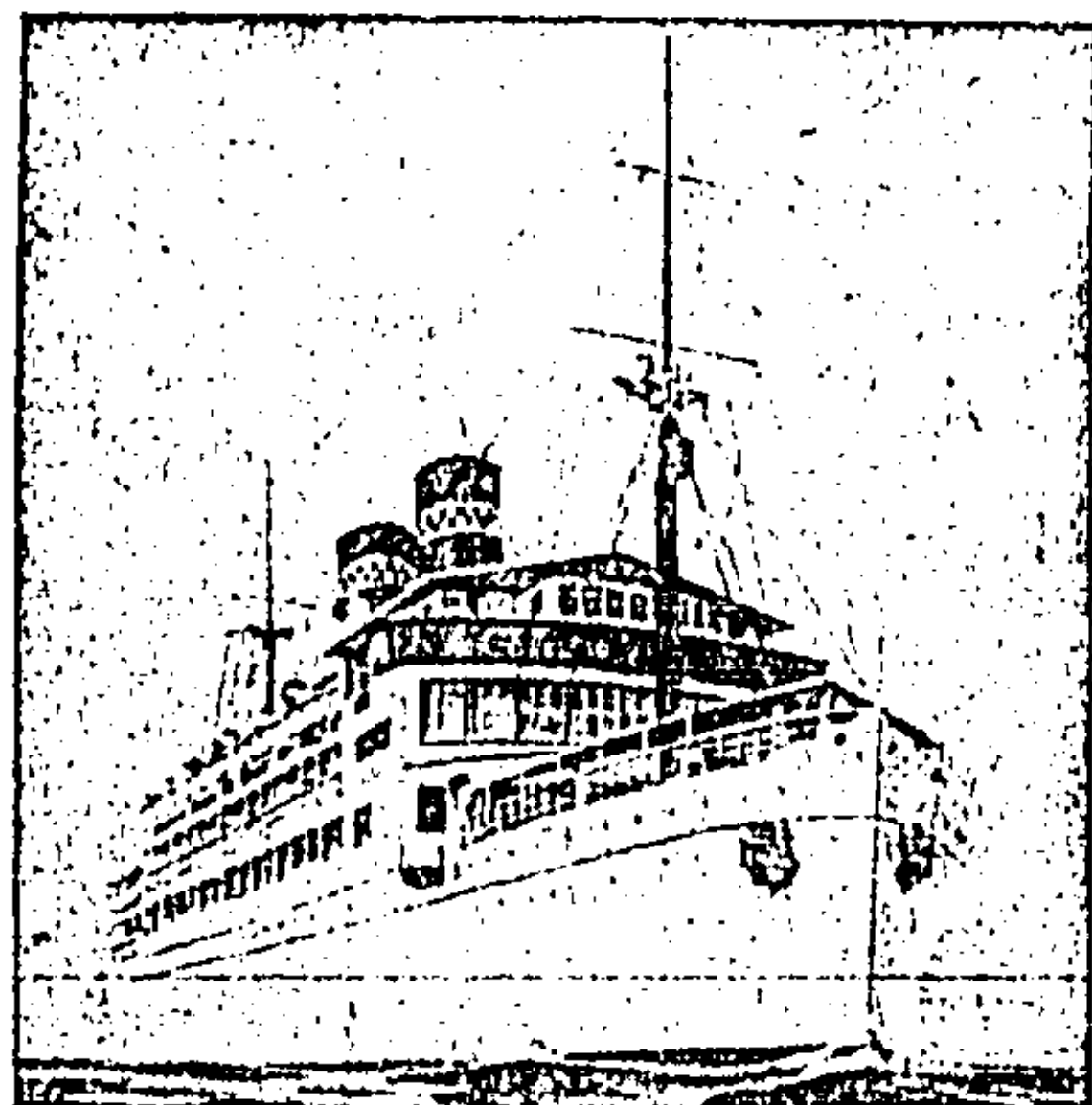
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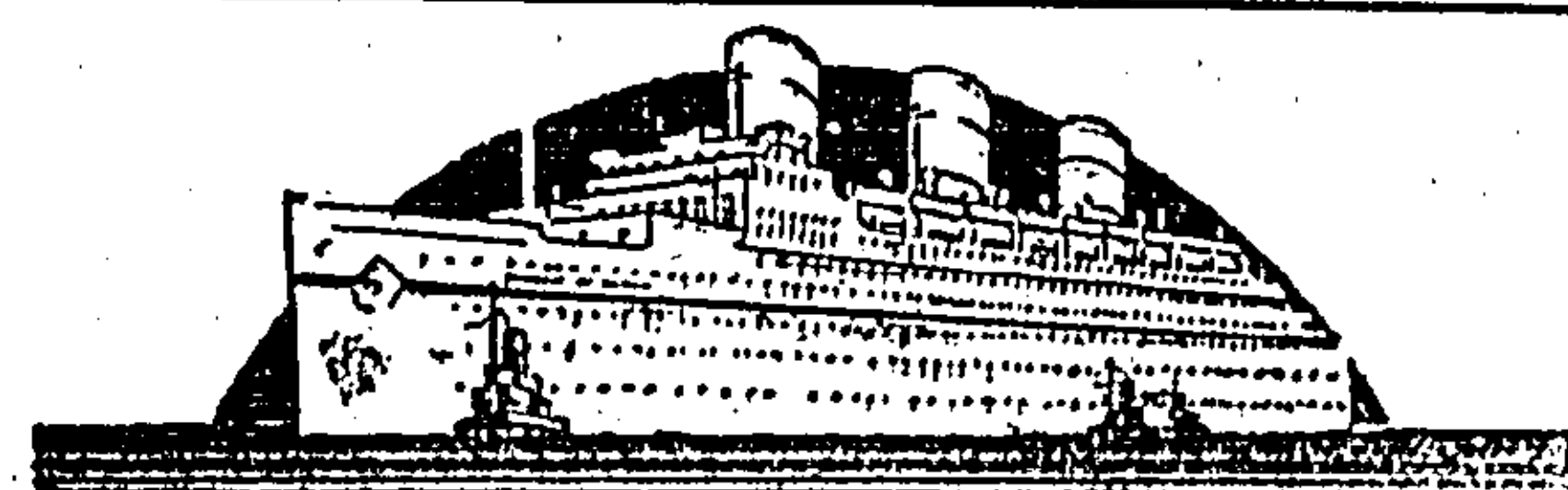
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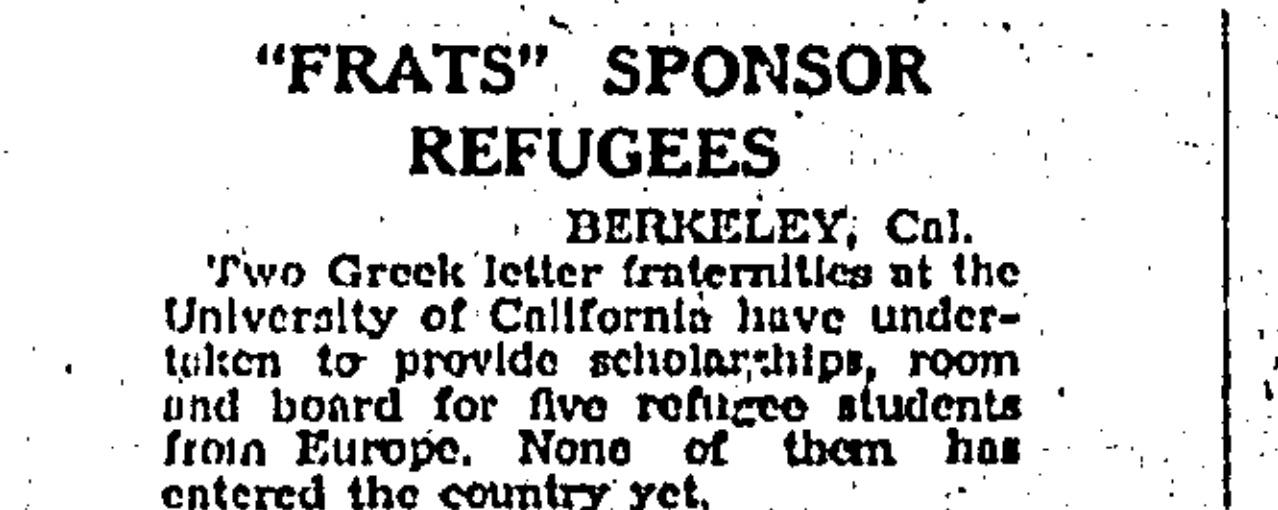
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Below: Miss Rosa Peck and Miss Lily Gay, of King's Cross; and Miss Florence Bonnett, of West Ham. These girls were candidates in a recent Kent Beauty competition.



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ACROSS

1—Slightly acid.
2—Avarice.
3—Home.
4—Supply with surface.
5—Cumbrous fall.
6—Prenatal food.
7—Beating chamber.
8—Near.
9—Care game.
10—Hinder.
11—Fictitious party.
12—A bookkeeper.
13—Knocks.
14—Dresses.
15—Little-terrors.
16—Those who rent.
17—Dumb in names of towers.
18—Tears.
19—Pre-empted.
20—On stroke of.
21—Others.
22—Negative.
23—Number.
24—Blend light rays.
25—Current fabric.
26—Parting to space.
27—Enrapture to New.
28—Yacht harbor.
29—Action being.
30—Acting.
31—Dance again.
32—Union of kingdoms.
33—Antiviral drug.
34—Note of scale.
35—Kneel.
36—Metal-bearing rocks.

DOWN

37—Loss power.
38—German cavalryman.
39—Decadent.
40—Man's nickname.
41—Hens.
42—Complete.
43—Horse.
44—Dumb.
45—Middle point.
46—Chilled.

37—Dress.
38—Flood.
39—One of a pair.
40—Performer.
41—Corner.
42—Kitchen utensil.
43—Bowl.
44—Arzan.
45—Cellar.
46—Part of harness.
47—Lancet.
48—Hole in nose.
49—Inventive animals.
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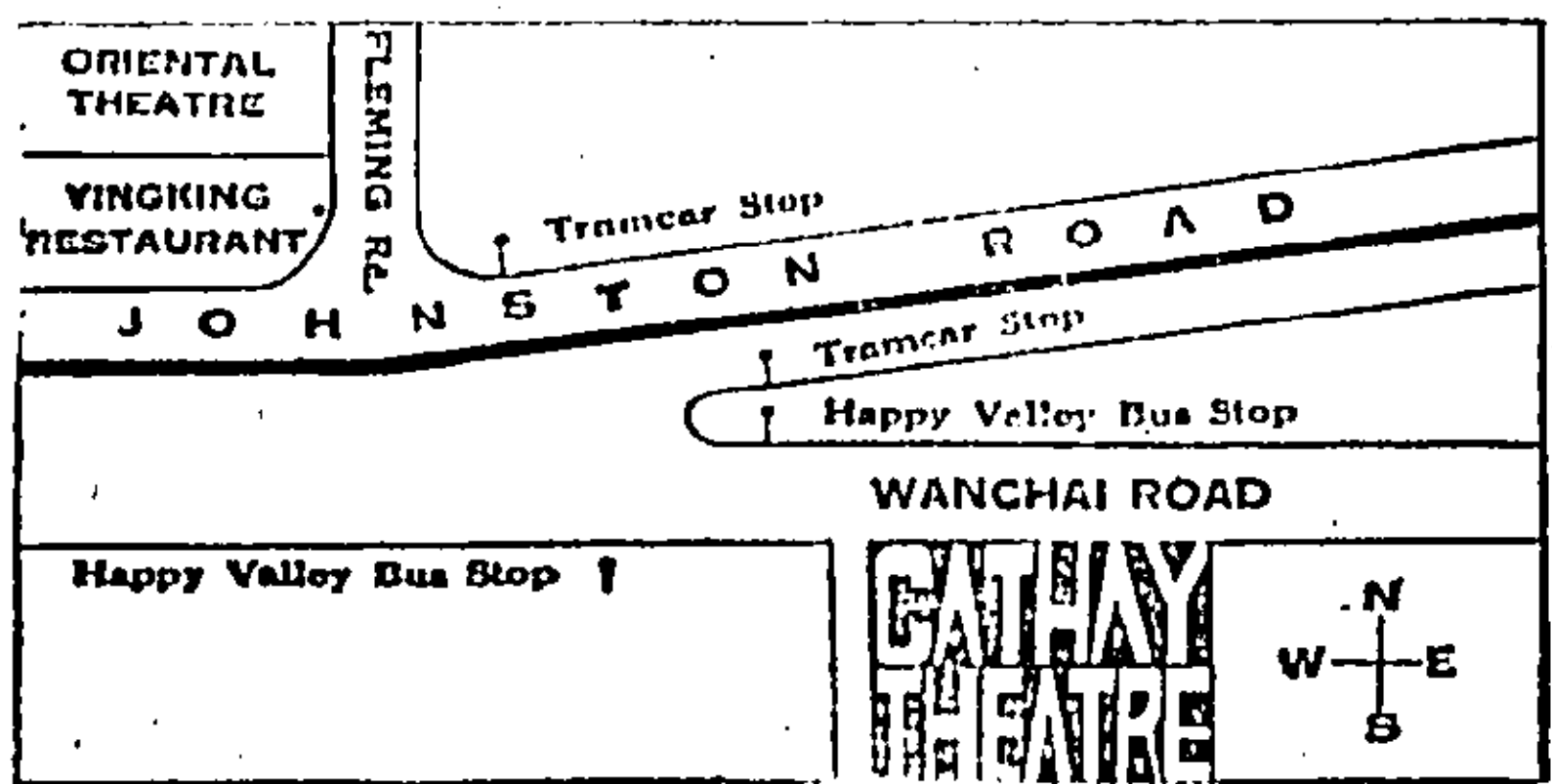
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Sea Dragon Back In Hongkong

Story Of Battle With Heavy Seas

Handled by a whiskered crew, dog-tired after five days' ceaseless battling with hammering seas, Mr. Richard Halliburton's junk Sea Dragon came quietly alongside Bailey's wharf at 11.10 o'clock last night. A few minutes later John Potter, whose illness had been the cause of the junk's return, left the ship to enter the War Memorial Hospital.

Brief items in the Sea Dragon's log suggest the story of her dogged struggle. She left Hongkong on Saturday at 4 p.m. in still weather. The early part of the night was perfect, a great moon overhead making conditions delightful.

A breeze gradually got up and by midnight it was blowing strongly. The sea began to rise and, though the Sea Dragon did not take water over her bow, many waves broke over her amidships. By noon on Sunday she had covered 90 miles and was about 20 miles beyond Chelung point.

The seas now became heavy and the junk made slow progress in the face of a stiff wind. At 7.30 p.m. on Sunday she was off Breakers Point and at 9.30 a.m. next morning she was still there, trying vainly to make progress against huge seas. Soon the hopelessness of continuing on this course was seen and Captain John Welch decided to alter course to the east to take him round the southern tip of Formosa. The wind played the junk an unkind turn and veered further to the east, right in the face of the rugged little craft.

Mast Carries Away

In the 24 hours between noon Sunday and noon Monday the Sea Dragon covered only 44 miles. At 7 a.m. on Monday the mast carried away and Seaman A. D. Flagg swayed for an hour in the bosun's chair above the wildly pitching ship while he put things right.

At 8 a.m. on Tuesday Potter, who had suffered a recurrence of the illness which put him in hospital for a few days before the ship's departure, took to his bunk and became steadily worse. Despite the heavy seas, the junk made 155 miles between noon on Monday and noon on Tuesday and by 5 p.m. on Tuesday she was only 90 miles west-south-west of Formosa. At this point the log entry read: "Very rough, confused sea. Vessel pitching heavily. Heavy rain squalls. Vessel dipping lee rail." The Sea Dragon was riding the sea so well, however, that the captain was content to go ahead, but Potter's illness seemed so serious that Mr. Halliburton insisted on putting back to Hongkong where he could receive proper attention. The ship accordingly about.

Then began a run to the south during which no sights could be taken because of the clouded skies and the captain had only a hazy idea of the ship's position. On Wednesday night, not knowing clearly where they were, they hoove to.

Yesterday they discovered themselves to be 30 miles south of Hongkong, the monsoon having driven them much further south than they intended. The captain had never navigated into Hongkong from the south, but he felt his way along cautiously until at last he picked out Gap Rock Light and from there on he followed the inside passage and came quietly into harbour from the western end. Without a light to assist him, he brought the vessel sweetly alongside Bailey's Wharf.

Captain Welch was glowing in his praise of the junk's performance. "Many a time she seemed to be diving to the bottom," he said; "but up she came, shook herself like a dog, rolled over and dipped her rail in the sea, and then went on as though nothing had happened." He said a particular word of praise for Flagg, the last-minute recruit from the President Pierce, and for the cook, James Sligh, who, he said, always managed to produce a meal no matter how the ship was pitching. The junk will make a new start within a fortnight. In the meantime she is to be given a fine keel, re-caulked in some parts of the deck structure, and given a general overhaul; rigging will also be set up. Potter, who has a considerable investment in the venture, will not get with the junk next time.

JAPANESE NAVAL FORCE EFFECTS MAJOR LANDING ON HAINAN ISL.

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by way of Yunnan informed political circles state.

In launching the new offensive, "the Japanese authorities will not fail to pay full attention to the protection of the rights and interests of third Powers in South China."

"While the blockade of the China coast against Chinese maritime traffic will be tightened by the occupation of the key island, the present action will have considerable effects on the Chiang Kai-shek Government."

Domel.

ITAGAKI REPORTS ON LANDING

Tokyo, Feb. 10. Confirming commencement of a new offensive on Hainan Island, the War Minister, Lieut.-General Seishiro Itagaki, told the House of Peers which met in a plenary session at 1.10 o'clock this morning that the Japanese Army forces occupied a section of the island in co-operation with the Naval forces this morning and immediately started an advance inland.—Domel.

PREPARING FOR KWANGSI INVASION

Kweilin, Feb. 10. The Japanese have not yet abandoned their scheme of invading Kwangsi, according to Chinese military circles.

Extensive Japanese military movements have been noticed along the West River in Kwangtung and Japanese war vessels have been busily plying around Weichow Island, south of Pakhoi.

In the Canton area the Japanese are trying to keep their strength intact and to protect their communication lines. In the East River and North River areas they are strengthening their defences.

Japanese troops in east Hupeh have been transferred to the southern part of the province to strengthen the outer defences of the Wuhan area.

In north Kiangsi the Japanese are preparing for a fresh attempt to dislodge the Chinese troops atop Kuling, the famous summer resort.—Central News.

IDZUMO RETURNS TO JAPAN

Kweilin, Feb. 10. The flagship Idzumo which was anchored off the coast near Pakhoi, is reported by "Central News" to have returned to Yokosuka in Japan.—Central News.

Baronetcy For Boy Aged Five

London, Feb. 9. His Majesty has conferred a Baronetcy of the United Kingdom on a five year-old boy.

He is Andrew Ashton Waller Hills, son of the late John Waller Hills, a Privy Councillor, whose name would have been submitted to the King for a Baronetcy in the New Year honours list, but for his death last Christmas Eve at the age of 71.

Andrew was the only child. His mother became Mr. Hills' second wife in 1931, and is granted the style, title, and precedence of a Baronet's wife.—Reuter.

HENSHAW SETS NEW RECORD

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after a hot drink, and managed to say: "Thank you very much for a wonderful reception", to the cheering crowd.

He was then taken to the customs, and afterwards drove off with his father as Britain prepared to hail its fastest Cape flyer ever.—Reuter.

SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT

Henshaw set out from Gravesend on the morning of February 5 in an attempt to break the record for the England-South Africa return flight. He arrived back in Gravesend at 1.51 p.m. yesterday, beating the record by 30 hours 10 minutes.

His time was four days, 10 hours, 15 minutes, as against five days, 17 hours taken by Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green in 1937. Henshaw set off determined to fly to the Cape of Good Hope and return in under five days. He took 30½ hours for the journey to Capetown, beating the record by five and a half hours.

He left Capetown on the return flight on 10.18 on the night of February 7.—Reuter.

WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS IN FRANCE

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submarines and naval airplanes at Saigon. This considerable fleet is still in Indo-China waters, it is believed.

Last March, when rumours were current that the Japanese were about to make a major landing, the French Government sent a Note to Tokyo, making it clear that France's treaty with China placed France under obligation to prevent foreign occupation of the island.

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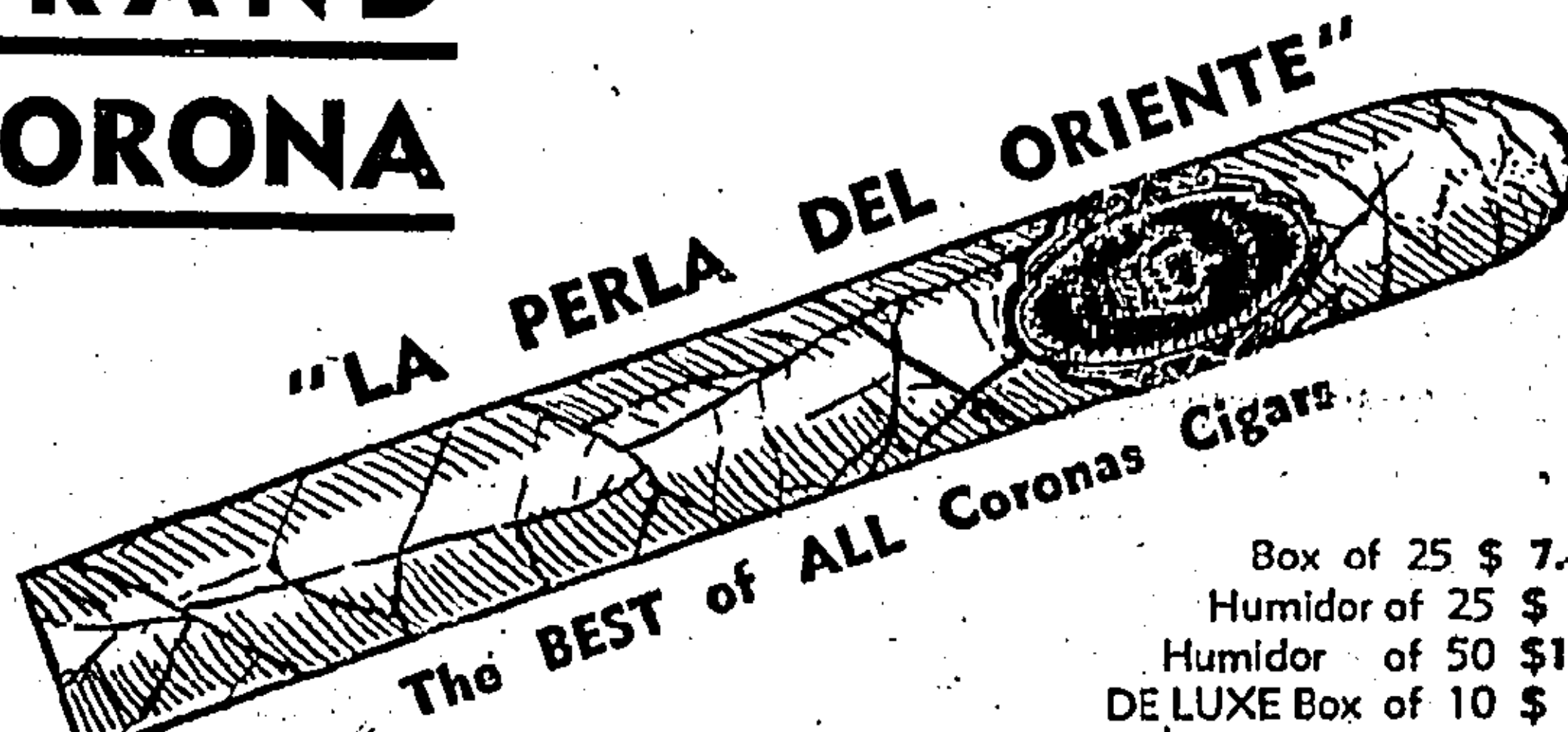
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Arrangements by The Women's Section

THEFT OF TREES
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The following fixtures for next week have been arranged by the European Y.M.C.A.

Sunday, February 12.—Discussion Group at 9 p.m.

Monday, February 13.—Women's Section: Millinery Class at 10 a.m. Whist Drive at 8.30 p.m. Please note that in future Whist Drives will commence at 8.30 instead of 9.0 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14.—Women's Section: Sewing Bee at 10 a.m. Badminton at 8.30 p.m. League Match v. St. Andrew's A.R.P. at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15.—Women's Section: Badminton at 10 a.m. Afternoon: tennis practice till 4 p.m., general play 4 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 16.—Women's Section: Mahjong and beginners' class at 10 a.m. Chinese Chow followed by performance by Chinese jugglers at 8.30 p.m. \$1.50 per head. Kindly notify the Secretary of Y.M.C.A. for Women's Section by February 16, if you wish to attend the Chow.

Friday, February 17.—Women's Section: Bridge Class and Practice Play at 10 a.m. Badminton at 8.30 p.m.

Saturday, February 18.—Women's Section: Badminton from 10 a.m.

Believed to be the man responsible for resisting a European woman who attempted to stop him cutting trees near her residence at Broadwood Road a few days ago, Yun Yui, 40, unemployed, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with the possession of a quantity of tree wood.

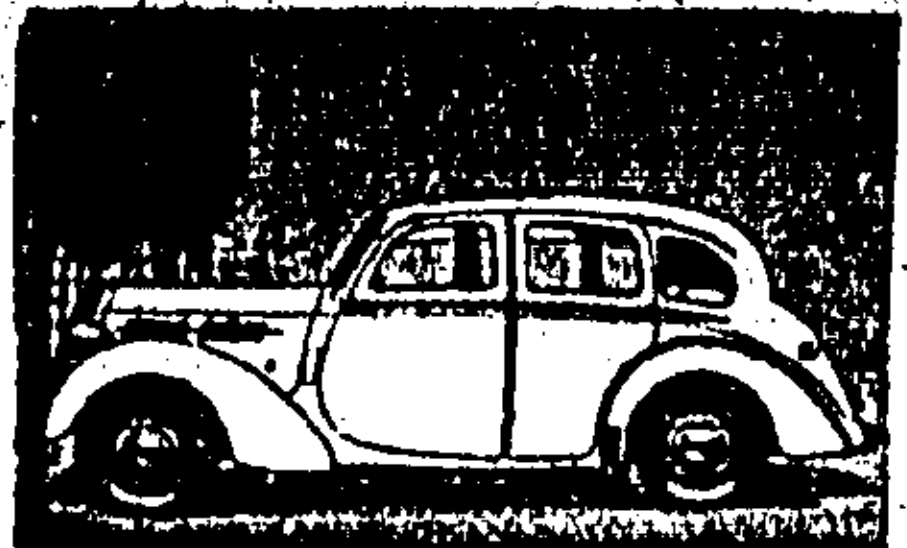
Inspector A. V. Baker said that a few days ago, a European woman saw a number of persons cutting trees on the hillside below her house, and she went to stop them. She tried to detain a man whom she could not identify but who she said was wearing a light grey cap. The man resisted her and pushed her to the ground, but she was not injured. The man escaped.

Forestry guards kept watch in the vicinity, and on Wednesday defendant was seen in the area with a quantity of wood in his possession. He was arrested, and was found to be wearing a light grey cap, which "is a very unusual cap for any Chinese to wear," said Inspector Baker. "I ask your Worship to take that into consideration."

Yun was sentenced to four months' hard labour. He had a previous conviction for larceny by servant.

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DEATH OF POPE PIUS: CATHOLICS MOURN PASSING OF A GREAT MAN

END COMES AT 4.30 A.M. CARDIAC ASTHMA FATAL

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 10.

HIS HOLINESS Pope Pius XI died at 4.31 G.M.T. this morning, says a "Reuter" message, following an attack of cardiac asthma.

Yesterday His Holiness suffered a serious relapse, when he remained unconscious for 40 minutes, and his condition was so weakened, that the gravest anxiety was felt.

Pope Pius XI was the 261st Pope of the Holy Roman Church, and the spiritual leader of 400,000,000 souls.

JAPAN TO BUILD "GREATER" SHANGHAI

JAPAN IS GOING to build a new Greater Shanghai, which, if and when completed, will threaten to usurp the important commercial position now enjoyed by the International Settlement.

Features of the plan, says a "United Press" message include the creation of commercial, residential, and industrial zones, interspersed with parks, and harbour works, which when completed, will enable a 100,000-ton vessel to be pulled alongside the pier.

The site chosen for this projected Greater Shanghai is along the left bank of the Whangpoo River, adjoining the International Settlement.

A party of over 40 expert Japanese civil engineers has been engaged by the Shanghai Real Estate Company, a joint Sino-Japanese concern.

The party will assemble at Nagasaki on February 20 and will proceed to Shanghai, where they will proceed to supervise the building of this Greater Shanghai.

The town planning scheme has been completed as a result of actual surveys by several Japanese experts in the Shanghai neighbourhood.

**CIVIL ENGINEERS
BOUND FOR SHANGHAI**

A group of 40 expert Japanese civil engineers engaged by the Shanghai Real Estate Company, a Sino-Japanese joint concern, are assembling at Nagasaki on February 20 en route to Shanghai where they will participate in the task of reconstructing Greater Shanghai.

The plan of city construction for Greater Shanghai has been completed by Japanese engineers on the basis of actual surveys carried out around Shanghai in the past months.

The new Greater Shanghai which will be built with the former Civic Administrative Centre as the centre and which will skirt the International Settlement and extend along the north bank of the Whangpoo River, will be divided into commercial, residential and industrial districts.

Under the present plan, a new harbour will be constructed to provide the gateway from the Sea to the new Shanghai City. It is expected that the projected giant pier will be able to accommodate even a 100,000 ton vessel.—Domei.

Duke's New Canberra Home Renovated

At least £25,000 is to be spent on remodeling and adding to "Yarralumla," the official government house, at the capital, before the Duke and Duchess of Kent take up residence there.

"Yarralumla" is one of the old station homes. It was erected at a cost of about £80,000 into a temporary official residence for the Governor-General some years ago. The new additions, says Austral News, will include a ballroom, enlarged dining and reception rooms, new private quarters, a nursery, and additional staff quarters.

BISHOP'S DISTRESS

The Bishop of Hongkong, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Valtora, received the news of the death of His Holiness the Pope from the Hongkong "Telegraph."

Bishop Valtora was visibly affected when informed of the death of His Holiness.

"I feel overwhelmed," he told the "Telegraph." "He was one of the greatest Popes of the Catholic Church and was a very holy man."

The Bishop told the "Telegraph" the arrangements would be made immediately for mourning and special services.

Baptized in 1857 as Ambrose Damiano Achille Ratti, the Pontiff rose from peasant boy in the little Italian town of Desio to become a powerful international figure during a critical period in world history. His death was mourned by millions of the faithful in every corner of the world.

In the year after he was crowned as Bishop of Rome in 1922, Pope Pius made many important contributions to the history of the Catholic Church, but the Lateran Treaty of 1929—ending 60 years of strife with the Italian state—was probably the most notable.

The treaty ended the voluntary imprisonment of Popes within the walls of the Vatican and established the city of Vatican City with 440 acres and 300 inhabitants within its boundaries. The accord, which established direct diplomatic relations between Italy and the Holy See for the first time in history, was largely the work of Pope Pius and Fascist Premier Benito Mussolini.

ALERT TO MODERN IDEAS

Known as a "missionary pope," the Holy Father was constantly alert to modern ideas and trends. He modernized the Vatican in many ways, including establishment of a great radio station, and his official acts reflected his keen interest in cultural developments throughout the world. In recent years, he frequently spoke with sorrow of such trends as the Nazi and Fascist racial programmes.

In the closing months of his reign Pope Pius XI was gravely concerned with the rise of politically unbridled anti-religion on many fronts. Most serious was the upsurge of anti-Semitism in Nazi Germany, with concurrent attacks on both Catholic and Protestant religious leaders, and increased stress on what the Vatican considered the neo-paganism of Nazism.

From the Papacy also has come opposition to the appearance of anti-Semitism in Italy, patterned closely upon the "Aryan" policies of Adolf Hitler.

The Holy Father feared the spread of Communism from the borders of the Soviet Union and spoke frequently of the dangers to religion arising from Marxist materialism.

SUPPORTER OF FRANCO

Together with most of the Catholic hierarchy and priesthood he favoured the cause of Generalissimo Francisco Franco in the Spanish civil war and was concerned with the strife between Japan and China both because of its possible effect upon missionary work in the Far East and the ultimate results of the wartime alliance of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist government with the Communist armies of Mao Tse-tung.

These worries and the strain of more routine duties and elaborate ceremonies of his office, taxed the once vigorous constitution and extraordinary vitality which in his youth had found expression in the perilous sport of mountain climbing. Despite the constant urging of his associates, he insisted upon fulfilling even the most routine duties, holding

HONGKONG GOVERNMENT YACHT IS PLANNED

IT IS RELIABLY LEARNED that the Legislative Council will be asked shortly to approve expenditure, in the neighbourhood of \$400,000 on a 120-foot long yacht which will combine three important purposes:

It will be the Governor's official yacht.

It will serve as a training craft for the Naval Volunteer Force (soon to be the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve).

And it will be the Lighthouse Supply ship.

Since September 2, 1937, Hongkong has been without a typhoon rescue tug.

If the view of certain official quarters is adopted, the Colony will continue without such a vessel and the old Kau Sing which was wrecked on Lung I Island after a decade of uncracked typhoon rescue activities, will not be replaced.

Plans of the new vessel are nearly completed. They do not include towing facilities but there is some equipment to make it an efficient defence vessel.

Well-appointed cabins and saloons make it suitable for long cruises and the Governor will be able to spend some days at sea in comfort if he wishes. A wireless will be fitted.

COUNCIL TO DECIDE

The whole question of the projected ship's purposes will be before the Legislative Council when approval is sought for the expenditure and the plans will have to be radically altered if it should be felt necessary to make the ship a rescue tug.

The old Kau Sing was considered inadequate for rescue work and was difficult to manage in heavy weather. He was furthermore very expensive as she was powerfully engined and had to keep steam up continuously or weeks in summer when typhoons were frequent. Her use was limited and it was uneconomical to use her for light routine work.

A feeling furthermore existed that Government should not occupy the position of a competitor to local dock companies which possess powerful jacks much more capable than the Kau Sing was in typhoon work. As regards the junks which suffer heavily during typhoon weather, ample warning was given to them to seek safety and it should not be necessary to maintain a rescue tug for them alone.

As soon as the plans for the new ship are approved, tenders will be invited from local shipyards.

The building of two smaller launches for general purposes is also under consideration.

Japan Brings Up Reinforcements

Chungking, Feb. 3.

Chinese reports state that as a result of Count Terauchi's request, the Tokyo headquarters have finally authorized the transfer of five Japanese divisions from Manchukuo to the Suiyuan and Suiyuan fronts to assist against the guerrilla campaign.

It is stated that part of these divisions had arrived at their destinations and that the remainder is en route. It is also reported that Japan is transferring three divisions from Japan proper to Manchukuo to reinforce the Japanese garrisons there.—Domei Press.

Pope Tried Hard To Curb Anti-Semitism

Vatican City, Feb. 10.

One of the greatest concerns of Pope Pius XI in the months before his death was the " scourge of excessive nationalism" which he perceived in Fascist Italy's increasingly drastic degrees restricting Jewish life.

The pontiff expressed wonderment that Italy should feel constrained to "ape" Nazi Germany in adopting "aryanism" as a racial policy and repeatedly insisted that "human kind, the whole of human kind, is a single, great, universal human race."

He even went to the unusual lengths of addressing personal letters to King Victor Emmanuel and Premier Benito Mussolini begging them not to insist on the carrying out of a sweeping racial programme presented October 7 by the Fascist grand council, which prohibited marriages between "aryans" and Jews or other "non-aryans."

On July 28 the battle between the Vatican and Fascism over the Jewish question became more intense than ever. Because of the church's attitude, Fascist officials had threatened to declare that membership in Catholic Action associations was a disqualification for membership in the Fascist party. This particular phase of the controversy between church and party eventually was smoothed, but not until Pope Pius had enunciated the contention that:

"Human kind, the whole of human kind, is a single, great, universal human race. All men are, above all, members of the same great kind. They all belong to the single great family of the living."

To the Fascists he said: "Be careful I advise you not to strike at Catholic Action associations. I advise and beseech you not to do so for your own good, because whoever strikes at the Catholic Action associations strikes at the Pope, and whoever strikes at the Pope dies. That is truth and history proves it."

WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS IN FRANCE

Japan Was Warned
To 'Keep Hands Off'

THE JAPANESE LANDING on Hainan Island is likely to have grave repercussions in France, where it has been repeatedly pointed out that any such action in the present Sino-Japanese conflict would be prejudicial to Franco-Japanese relations.

Hainan Island is the largest island owned by China. It is part of Kwangtung Province, but lies directly off French Indo-China and A.S.M. The capital is Haikow, which is 205 miles from Kowloon. This city is near the mouth of the Kuangchow River, which empties into Hainan Strait. It is the seaport of the walled city of Kuangchow, the actual seat of government.

Haikow became a Treaty port in 1858. It is about 120 miles across the Hainan Strait from Pakhoi and equidistant from the French port of Haiphong.

150 FOREIGNERS

Possession of the island by Japan would not only cover the entire coastline of French Indo-China, but would jeopardise all British and other foreign maritime interests east of Singapore.

The total area of the island is 14,000 square miles and the population two million. About 180 foreigners reside on the island, principally in Haikow.

The question whether a Japanese occupation of the island would constitute a threat to the security of French Indo-China was discussed recently in the semi-official Paris Press by M. Jan de Bismont. (Continued on Page 12.)

Hainan Landing

OFFICIAL CLAIM SAYS FORCE NOW PUSHING INLAND

AN OFFICIAL JAPANESE COMMUNIQUE, issued by the Japanese Imperial Army Headquarters in Tokyo at 9 o'clock this morning, claims that a major landing was successfully effected on Hainan Island before dawn to-day.

The locale of the Japanese operations is, for the time being, a carefully guarded secret, but it is believed to be in the vicinity of Taan, on the north-western side of the island, west of Hainan Straits.

The Japanese communicate states that the Japanese forces are now pushing inland, presumably with the object of attacking Kuangchow, the capital, and Haikow, its seaport, from the rear.

It is interesting to note, however, that the island is very mountainous, and this will considerably hamper any Japanese operations.

The landing was effected from a fleet of about twenty Japanese warships and transports, it is believed. These ships have been concentrated around Weichow Island, between Pakhoi, in Kwangtung, and Hainan Island, for the past two weeks.

Chinese military authorities, believing that the concentration meant that the Japanese intended to attempt a major landing near Pakhoi, have maintained constant vigilance on the Kwangtung mainland.

It was reported yesterday that the Japanese fleet, flagship of the Third Fleet, was cruising around the Gulf of Tonkin, with Vice-Admiral K. Oikawa on board.

LANDING COMPLETE SURPRISE CLAIM

By Radio, Feb. 10.

The landing operations on Hainan Island were between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning.

The spokesman of the Japanese expeditionary force claims that no casualties were sustained by the Japanese landing forces, although resistance was shown by the Chinese coastal machine-gun batteries.

The first vanguard effected a landing at 2.50 a.m. in an undisclosed bay along the coast of Hainan Island, another detachment coming ashore at 3.15 a.m.

Divided into two columns, the Japanese forces later in the morning were advancing on two important objectives inland.

It is now revealed that the Japanese forces are advancing in a southerly direction into the hinterland.—Domei.

NO BIG ARMY FOR DEFENCE

Chinese military authorities have long been anticipating a Japanese invasion of Hainan Island; nevertheless, Chinese circles in Hongkong are taken by surprise at the report of a Japanese landing this morning.

The Japanese naval concentration at Weichow Island during the past few days was reported by the Chinese Press as a threatening gesture on Pakhoi, in south-west Kwangtung. Nothing indicating a Japanese move on Hainan Island has been received from Chinese sources.

According to well-informed observers, it is most likely that no major resistance will be fought by the Chinese in Hainan. The Cantonese division under General Chang Tshai, which was the only regular division in Hainan, was ordered back to the Kwangtung mainland after the Japanese landing at Blas Bay.

However, it is certain that guerrilla and well-organised guerrilla warfare will be resorted to by the Chinese on the island.

Hainan Island is mountainous. Five-Fleur-de-Mountain (Wuchuan) being 5,000 feet high. It may be recalled that these mountainous areas were the strongholds of guerrilla operations of the Communists for several years before they surrendered to the government.

EFFORT TO STOP HAIPHONG TRADE

Tokyo, Feb. 10.

The Japanese landing on Hainan Island this morning was prompted by the desire to cut off the sea route to Haiphong.

ITAGAKI REPORTS ON LANDING

Tokyo, Feb. 10.

Confirming commencement of a new offensive on Hainan Island, the War Minister, Lieut.-General Seishiro Itagaki, told the House of Peers which met in a plenary session at 1.10 o'clock this morning that the Japanese Army forces occupied a section of the island in co-operation with the Naval forces this morning and immediately started an advance inland.—Domei.

PREPARING FOR KWANGSI INVASION

Kweilin, Feb. 10.

The Japanese have not yet abandoned their scheme of invading Kwangsi, according to Chinese military circles.

Extensive Japanese military movements have been noticed along the West River in Kwangtung and

LATEST

Investment Co. Dividend

Directors of Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co. Ltd., at Board Meeting this morning, recommended final dividend of \$1.25 a share, making a total of \$2.50 per share for year 1938.

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Japanese war vessels have been busily plying around Weichow Island, south of Pakhoi.

In the Canton area the Japanese are trying to keep their strength intact and to protect their communication lines. In the East River and North River areas they are strengthening their defences.

Japanese troops in east Huohue have been transferred to the southern part of the province to strengthen the outer defences of the Wuhan area.

In North Kiangsi the Japanese are preparing for a fresh attempt to dislodge the Chinese troops from Kuling, the famous summer resort.—Central News.

IDZUMO RETURNS TO JAPAN

Kweilin, Feb. 10.

The flagship Idzumo which was anchored off the coast near Pakhoi, is reported by "Central News" to have returned to Yokosuka in Japan.—Central News.

H.K. HEARS DRAMATIC RELAY OF CIVIL WAR

HONGKONG RADIO LISTENERS heard the Spanish Civil War last night. A B.B.C. observer, speaking by telephone to London, broadcast a vivid description of the scenes on the Franco-Spanish frontier at Le Perthus where, to use his own words, he had "one foot in Spain and the other in France."

The commentary was broadcast by Daventry during the 9.30 p.m. News Bulletin last night, and was relayed, by ZBW.

As the broadcast was being made by ZBW, debaters at the Y.M.C.A. were deciding, by 17 votes to 13, that ZBW programmes were suited to the public taste.

"The insurgent guns are going off three miles away," said the B.B.C. commentator. "Listen! You can hear them! Through the dull boom of the cannonading, the tramp of marching foot—the foot of hundreds of Loyalist soldiers marching across the frontier into France—was plainly audible in Hongkong."

A long string of motor-lorries rumbled past the microphone. "The first lorry is a Russian one, laden with arms," said the commentator.

A few yards from where the commentator stood was the house in which the Spanish Premier, Dr. Negrin, was in conference with his Foreign Secretary.

The broadcast was probably the most vivid ever heard in Hongkong.

Chinese Must Wear 'Good Citizen Badge'

Canton, Feb. 9. The Japanese authorities are insisting that every Canton Chinese wear a "good citizen badge," including the Chinese employees of foreign firms, and British and American consular servants living in Shumeeen. A special office for issuing badges to Cantonese Chinese was opened yesterday, but the badges do not guarantee freedom from search, and the freedom of transit to all parts of the city.

One reliable source, returning from Taitung, 20 miles south-west of Canton, reports that Taitung is the centre of Chinese guerrillas under the command of the ex-war lord, Lei Fook-lam. They are preparing strong resistance to a possible Japanese attack in the Sunkai and Chungshan districts.—United Press.

Canton Warship Sailings Resume

J.M.S. Moth leaves for Canton this morning and the U.S.S. Mindanao and the French gunboat Argus return from Canton.

These are the first foreign ship-movement since the Japanese ban placed on navigation on the Pearl River a week ago.

INSURGENTS FACE FRENCH GUARDS ALONG FRONTIER

Insurgents Land On Minorca

TRANSFER OF ISLAND TO FRANCO

THE INSURGENT occupation of Minorca Island is said to be complete, following a successful landing at Cindalela, on the west coast.

A "Reuter" message states that the insurgent invaders were joined by units of the Minorca garrison who rose against the Loyalists.

Most of the Loyalist leaders are stated to have fled from the island. The insurgent landing parties consisted of two battalions of infantry and a battery of artillery, with auxiliaries.

An insurgent division has left Barcelona for Minorca to reinforce the troops now there.

MINORCA HEADACHE

London, Feb. 9. Writing on the insurgent claim to dominate almost the whole of Minorca, "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent points out that France has been particularly concerned about the future of the island, as its occupation by a hostile Power would seriously threaten communications with French North African possessions.

Both France and Britain have been seeking to ensure that any eventual occupation will be wholly Spanish.

This is one of the aims of the British Government in authorising the cruiser Devonshire to convey an envoy of General Franco to negotiate for the island's peaceful surrender.—Reuter.

TRANSFER CERTAIN

San Sebastian, Feb. 9. An early transfer of Minorca to the insurgent Government seems to be regarded as certain in insurgent political circles.

According to reports received here, preparations for handling the island over to General Franco's forces are nearly complete.

On the other hand, no information is forthcoming concerning foreign press reports that negotiations have taken place on I.M.S. Devonshire between the military governor of Majorca and representatives of the Loyalist garrison of Minorca.

Violent clashes which are said to have occurred between the garrison and part of the civilian population appear to have extended as far south as Port Mahon.—Trans-Ocean.

REFUGEES ON BRITISH CRUISER

London, Feb. 9. The cruiser Devonshire (8,750 tons) left Minorca yesterday with 450 refugees aboard.

The Devonshire, it was revealed here yesterday, conveyed to Minorca the insurgent military commander of Majorca, Colonel San Luis.

The British Government's role in the matter, it was explained by official circles here, was confined to providing transport for Colonel San Luis at the request of the insurgent authorities.

It is not known whether Colonel San Luis left Minorca aboard the Devonshire.—Reuter.

Dramatic Attempt To Capture Dr. Negrin

A DRAMATIC ATTEMPT by swiftly advancing insurgent forces to capture Dr. Juan Negrin, the Loyalist Premier, before he could escape from the Spanish section of the city of Le Perthus, is described in a message received from the "United Press".

The report says that a fast-moving column of Insurgents dashed toward Portbou in an effort to seize Dr. Negrin before he was able to depart en route for Valencia to continue the war.

Less than an hour before, Dr. Negrin had escaped from Le Perthus and General Jose Solchaga sent a column from a nearby post to overtake the Premier. However, they were unsuccessful.

MET BY FRENCH GUARDS

When the Insurgents reached Le Perthus they marched to the bridge where they were met by French guards. The French soldiers escorted insurgent officers into the town, and pointed out the line of demarcation between the Spanish and French sides of the town.

MUNITIONS DEPOT DYNAMITED

Later 2,000 Navarrese infantry, with banners flying, marched into the Spanish portion of the city.

Just before his departure from Le Perthus, Dr. Negrin conferred with members of his Cabinet and military chiefs.—United Press.

Paris, Feb. 9. Late to-day reports reached here that Anarchists had dynamited the Loyalist Spanish munitions depot at Puiccerda.

About 150 persons lost their lives and hundreds more were seriously wounded, reports state.

The whole night, numerous wounded, with emergency bandages, were transported over the frontier to Latour-de-Carol.

Dr. Negrin, Republican Spanish Prime Minister, is now in Perpignan, according to reports reaching here. His plans are not known.—Trans-Ocean.

MIAJA IS APPOINTED GENERALISSIMO

Valencia, Feb. 9. Dr. Negrin has sent a wire to General Miaja, appointing him Generalissimo of land, air and sea forces in central and southern Spain.

General Matallana has been appointed to replace General Miaja in command of the central armies.—United Press.

GERMANS SUSPECT BRITISH MOVE

Berlin, Feb. 9. "Great Britain has embarked on an act of intervention which is of very special importance," declares the "Lokalanzeiger," commenting on the action of the British cruiser in conveying the insurgent commander of Majorca to Minorca to negotiate with the Loyalist authorities there.

The newspaper reflects general suspicion in German circles over the move.

"An audacious British plan" is one description applied to it.—Reuter.

INSURGENT FLAG ON FRONTIER

Le Perthus, Feb. 9. General Franco's troops reached the frontier here at 10.45 a.m., and hoisted the insurgent flag.

Refugees Flock To Frontier

130,000 ACROSS IN A FEW DAYS

PARIS, Feb. 10. IT IS REPORTED here that no fewer than 130,000 civil refugees from Spain had crossed into France by Thursday midday. Up to now 80,000 refugees have passed through Toulouse railway station alone.

About 50,000 Spanish militiamen have been accommodated in the concentration camps of Argeles-sur-mer. At the Le Perthus station, an extraordinary number of wounded soldiers have arrived since Wednesday. To-day, 1,000 heavily wounded were carried into France and had to be transported to field hospitals at once.—Trans-Ocean.

FLIGHT TO FRANCE

Le Perthus, Feb. 9. All night long the movement of soldiers and war material through the narrow bottle-necks in the Pyrenees began to swell, and again at dawn as the first shock troops who had been holding back Franco's troops began to retreat to France following the splitting up of the two Loyalist armies in Catalonia.

About 150,000 people, spread over half a dozen camps spent the night in the open air.

It was a spectacle too vast and confused to easily visualise.

From the heights the distant roll of guns could be heard, but the French valley was silent, the only indication of the proximity of war being the vast waves of humanity spread over the fields, with the families huddled around camp fires together with household animals for warmth.

TREK CONTINUES

The camps were already stirring at dawn as Mobile Guards warned the refugees to get ready for another trek to make way for other refugees.

This applies to women, children and old people. Over 120,000 men of fighting age, mostly camped at Argeles and the village of Elne, must remain.

At Le Buoro fires burned all night long, many women preferring to sit nursing their infants under the stars than lie on the cold ground.

One pretty young woman from Aragon related the horrors of the weeks-long trek from Catalonia and at the same time applied rouge to her lips.

Women rival men in stoic courage and acceptance of exile and miseries without complaining. They are very rarely in tears.—United Press.

POOR LEADERSHIP

La Perthus, Feb. 9. The international military observers have come to the conclusion that lack of material and man power was not the vital reason for the Loyalist collapse, but rather the absence of a resolute and comprehensive leadership.

Even in retreat, which could have been carried out in regular army formation, the absence of any control was obvious.

While much arms, machine guns, rifles, bombs, cars and artillery strewed the roads, certainly they are not of French origin and therefore despite the allegations of wholesale French aid to the Loyalists.

The soldiers in their retreat accept defeat with resignation, combined with a feeling of relief. Many declared that they were ready to go back to fight, but the majority are without enthusiasm. In the past 48 hours 10,000 have been sent to internment.—Continued on Page 4.

FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL MEETS

Rome, Feb. 9. The Fascist Grand Council meets at 10 p.m. to-morrow for the second time within a week, but it is unlikely that foreign affairs will take up much time, as it is considered that these were exhaustively covered at the last meeting.

There is no doubt, however, that the Spanish question, particularly relating to Minorca, will be discussed. No sensational communiqué is expected.—Reuter.

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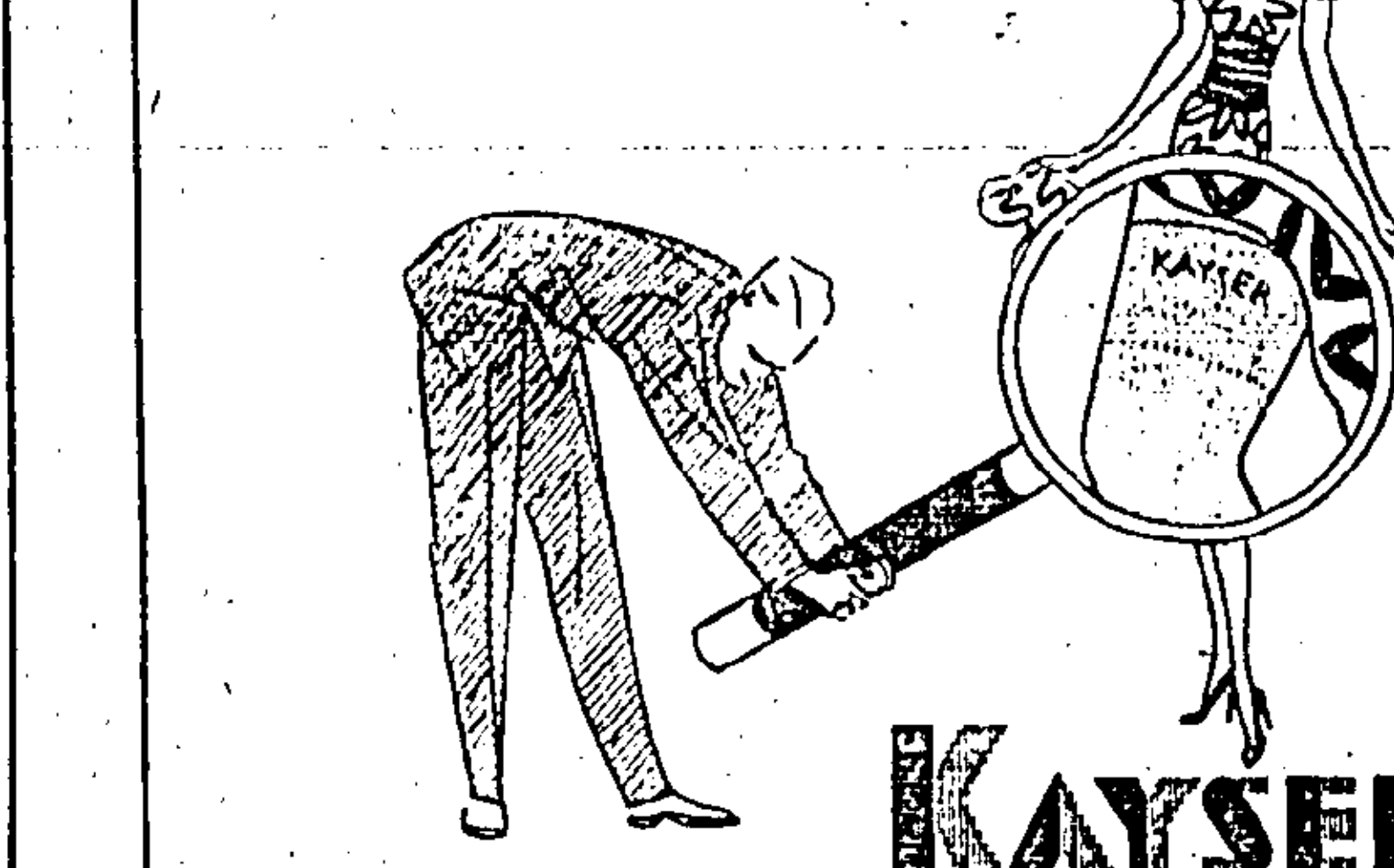
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R2130. Wine and Waltz. (Film.)(German.)

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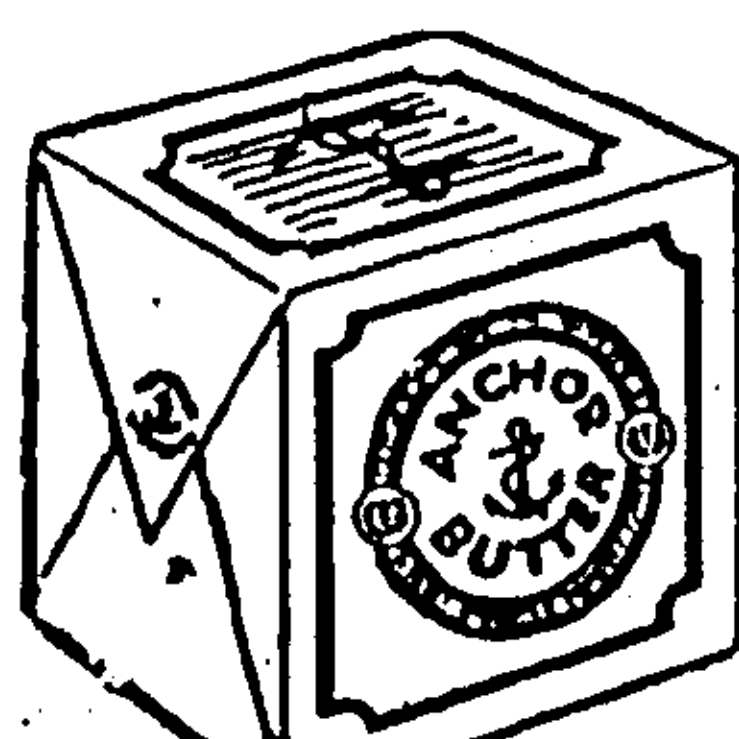
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GRAVE FEARS FELT FOR HEALTH OF POPE PIUS

FURTHER BORDER CLASHES

Hsinking Protests To Soviet Union

HSINKING, Feb. 9. THE MANCHOUKUO GOVERNMENT to-day lodged a strong protest with the Soviet Union through the Soviet Consulate-General at Harbin against another allegedly illegal crossing of the border and attack on the Japanese patrols by Soviet troops.

Dispatches from the border outposts indicate that scores of Soviet troops riding in three motor-lorries crossed the frozen Argun River forming the western border between Manchoukuo and the Soviet Union at 3 p.m. on Monday.

The Soviets then attacked the Japanese frontier outpost in the rear, whereupon the Japanese patrol returned the attack and repulsed the invading Soviets, the dispatches say. Another 20 Soviet troops armed with a field-gun and several machine-guns again crossed the border and attacked the Japanese border outpost at 4 p.m. on the following day. Responding to the Soviet front, the Japanese repulsed them after four hours of fighting.

As the result of the skirmishes, the Soviets suffered seven or eight casualties, the dispatches claim, adding that the Soviet forces are at present increasing forces near the scene of the latest clashes.—Domei.

OUTER MONGOLIANS CLASH WITH MANCHOUKUO PATROL

Hallar, Manchoukuo, Feb. 9. Breaking the silence that prevailed along the Manchoukuo-Outer Mongolian border, a group of Outer Mongolian cavalrymen crossed the border and clashed with the Manchoukuo-Japanese frontier patrols on January 27, belated reports received here from the frontier outpost say.

The Japanese-Manchoukuo forces succeeded in repulsing the Outer Mongolians after three hours of fighting, the frontier dispatches state. Two Outer Mongolians were killed and one other wounded, the advices claim.—Domei.



A RECENT PICTURE OF POPE PIUS

Big Clipper Arrives At End Of Month

THE LARGEST FLYING machine ever to visit the Far East is due in Hongkong on February 28, according to word received by the local office of Pan American Airways this morning.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1889. America has agreed to a conference upon the state of Samoa and has recalled the Consul who has divergent views from the Government. Meantime Germany will abstain from acts of warfare.

We have the best authority for stating that the Praya Reclamation Scheme will be carried out on the basis of the original agreement with the local Government and the Marine lot holders, a decision to that effect having been arrived at by the Executive Council on Saturday afternoon. We shall shortly be in a position to give full particulars of this important measure.

Bye and bye Hongkong will be as full of lawyers as a dog is of ticks. There are about nineteen English solicitors, besides half-a-dozen barristers, &c., and still some born fool at home keeps shipping them out. The latest addition to the ranks of the "Devil's Own" is a bashful young gentleman named Pryne. Mr. Pryne is going to be with Mr. Holmes. At the urgent request of the Attorney-General, he was this morning put upon the list and anybody now asking him how he likes Hongkong is liable to get a bill for \$25 for legal opinions.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1914. A "split" has occurred in the ranks of the militant suffragists. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst has seceded from the Women's Social and Political Union, which will be directed by her mother and Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst forming her own organisation in the East End.

Members of the Houses of Parliament are flocking to London for "the most momentous session in history." The fight begins immediately after the King's Speech, the first shot to be fired being an Opposition amendment in both Houses, "regretting that the Government does not intend to consult the country in regard to Home Rule."

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1929. A first rate entertainment was provided at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, last night, when an enjoyable variety programme was submitted by "The Queries" concert party under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood. Those contributing were Mr. Brundall, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. White, Mr. Brown, Mr. Williams, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Finch, Mr. Watling, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Gould, Mr. Greenbank, "The Erbs," Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Ives Snelling.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 10, 1934. The Nanking Municipal authorities are taking every possible step to discourage the observance of the Lunar New Year. All tokens of celebration including the displaying of flags and the firing of crackers are to be prohibited. Shops have been advised by the police not to suspend business during the Lunar New Year days.

Hongkong yachtsmen will be interested to know that the Hongkong yacht Talmoshan, manned by a party of naval officers, has resumed her journey to England and has by now passed through the Panama Canal.

The plane is the giant 74-passenger Boeing Clipper, the first of six planes ordered by Pan American for the trans-Pacific and trans-Atlantic services.

On her maiden flight the Boeing will carry no passengers, though it is anticipated that when she leaves San Francisco on February 22 she will have aboard a heavy cargo of mail and freight.

The arrival of the Boeing will mean the commencement of a weekly service between San Francisco and the Colony, the Martin flying boats which are at present in use, and the Boeing arriving here on alternate weeks.

How soon the entire service will be taken over by the Boeings is not yet known, because, though at least one other of the new Boeings is already undergoing tests and the others are nearing completion, the probable inauguration by Pan American Airways of a trans-Atlantic service in March this year may mean that the next planes are transferred to the new service and the trans-Pacific service will continue to be maintained partly by the Martin flying boats which have proved so satisfactory during the past more than 200 crossings. The Boeing's maiden flight will be Flight 269.

74 PASSENGERS

Capable of carrying 74 passengers by day, the Boeing has sleeping accommodation for 34, and it is not expected that more than this number will travel on each trip between Manila and America.

On the short hop between Hongkong and Manila, however, the plane will accommodate a full complement.

BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNS

BRUSSELS, Feb. 9.

The Belgian Cabinet resigned this afternoon, following a meeting of its members, which had been specially convened to consider the situation arising out of the nomination of Professor Martens to the Flemish Academy of Science.

It will be recalled that the nomination called forth a storm of protests from ex-servicemen owing to the fact that Professor Martens had been sentenced to death for his activities during the war.

M. Spaak formed his Cabinet in May, 1938, when it succeeded the Janson Ministry.

POLITICAL CONFUSION

The resignation of the Spaak Cabinet has caused general confusion in political circles.

Only very hazy ideas about the formation of a new Government exist at the moment.

Answering a question as to whether the King had accepted the resignation of the Cabinet and himself, M. Spaak said:

"The King has authorised me to continue to attend to current business. I do not know exactly what that means."

In some circles it is felt that there is a possibility of the formation of a so-called Cabinet of personalities standing outside party conflict. Other circles state that it is intended to dissolve Parliament and to hold new elections.—Trans-Ocean.

POPE PIUS Unconscion's After New Heart Attack

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 9.

GRAVE CONCERN IS felt to-night for the life of the Pope, who is suffering from cardiac asthma.

At 9 p.m. Professor Bonanome visited the Pope to make an examination.

The Pope was resting relatively easy, but earlier, Count Franco Ratti, the Pope's nephew, told a group of Vatican officials when he left the Holy Father's private apartments that the "Pope's cardiac asthma attack occurred at 4.20 p.m., and lasted until 5 p.m., during which time he was in a dangerous condition. Then he recovered sufficiently to whisper a few words."

Count Ratti expressed confidence that His Holiness would again overcome the crisis, which is the latest since his life was despaired of for weeks more than two years ago.

Intimates of the household said that his first words after the heart attack was to express a desire to regain sufficient strength to attend the ceremonies over the week-end celebrating the anniversary of the Vatican Treaty with Italy, and his coronation.

Two doctors and two male nurses are in constant attention.

Anxiety for his condition is increased by what is termed to be a "weakened fibres." Late in November last he suffered a heart attack, but since early December he has been carrying on his regular schedule of heavy duties.—United Press.

TURN FOR WORSE

Vatican City, Feb. 9. The condition of His Holiness the Pope has taken a turn for the worse, and a semi-official announcement describes his condition as "grave," and added that deep anxiety is felt.

It is announced that there is a general weakening and rising fever. However, the authorities emphatically denied reports that the Pope is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, but emphasized that the gravity of his condition was due to the strain on the heart due to influenza.

Earlier an order was issued for three days of prayer for the Pope's health in all Rome churches.—United Press.

UNCONSCIOUS FOR NEARLY AN HOUR

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 9. The Pope's condition grew considerably worse this afternoon. After His Holiness had passed the night satisfactorily, attended by his physicians, he suffered another serious attack of asthma this afternoon, and remained unconscious for about three-quarters of an hour.

It is admitted that the Pope's strength had declined.—Trans-Ocean.

ALL ENGAGEMENTS CANCELLED IN HONGKONG

Vatican City, Feb. 9. It is stated that not only the deputy of the Pope's personal medical attendant, Professor Rocchi, but also the Pope's nephew, Dr. Franco Ratti, the deputy of the Church State Secretary, and the Secretary for extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs, were called to the Pope's bedside to-day.

In consequence of his weak state, Pope Pius will now have to rest completely, and will be unable to attend neither the assembly of the Italian Episcopate on Saturday, the celebration of the anniversary of his coronation, or the reconciliation between the Vatican and the Quirinal, which takes place on Sunday next in St. Peter's.—Trans-Ocean.

NO CONFIRMATION

Questioned this morning as to whether in Roman Catholic churches in Hongkong to pray for the Pope's recovery, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Bishop Valtorta said: "I do not believe that His Holiness the Pope is so seriously ill. I can do nothing until I receive confirmation."

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GREAT WILL TO LIVE

Rome, Feb. 9. The Pope's entourage say that his will to live, until he has addressed Italy's 200 bishops on Saturday, is so great, that he may survive.—Reuter.

News is Knowledge

Study the news and add to your knowledge of men and affairs. This feature, based on the news of the day, helps to explain interesting items to you.

Q—Where are scientists trying to breed a type of cat which will be a perfect "mouser"?

A—In Germany. Dr. Kurt Schenckmann, of the German Peasants' League, is working with scientists to produce a breed of cat "which will show special ability in destroying mice and rats."

Q—What is going to happen to the wandering tribesmen of the Libyan Desert?

A—The Italian Government plans to build five villages for them in Libya and compel them to abandon their nomadic mode of life. The scheme is part of Italy's 1939 programme for colonising Libya.

Q—What Italian troops are fighting for Franco in Spain?

A—Six Italian Divisions. They are the Littorio, whose commander arrived in Spain early December; Black Arrow, commanded by General Pichone; Green Arrow, under General Balate; Blue Arrow; Black Flame; March 23rd Division. All are under High Command of General Cambria, who recently replaced General Berti.

HENSHAW SETS NEW RECORD

Brilliant Flight To And From Cape

ALEX HENSHAW, the brilliant British aviator and King's Cup winner, dreamed of flying solo from Gravesend to Capetown and back in less than five days.

Yesterday this dream was realised, when he landed at Gravesend completing the two-way flight in four days, ten hours and 15 minutes, thus beating the previous record established by Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green of five days, 17 hours, says a "Reuter" message.

Henshaw bettered the previous mark by a full 30 hours, while on the outward journey he had a record run of 39½ hours, beating the previous best by five and a half hours.

LANDS WITH NOSE BLEEDING. When lifted from the small single-engine Percival Newgull aircraft, in which he won the King's Cup air race last year, Henshaw's face was covered with blood from a bleeding nose.

He was so exhausted that he was unable to stand, but he recovered after a hot drink, and managed to say: "Thank you very much for a wonderful reception," to the cheering crowd.

He was then taken to the customs, and afterwards drove off with his father as Britain prepared to hail its fastest Cape flyer ever.—Reuter.

SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT

Henshaw set out from Gravesend on the morning of February 5 in an attempt to break the record for the England-South Africa return flight. He arrived back in Gravesend at 1.31 p.m. yesterday, beating the record by 30 hours 40 minutes.

His time was four days, 10 hours, 16 minutes, as against five days, 17 hours taken by Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green in 1937.

Henshaw set off determined to fly to the Cape of Good Hope and return in under five days. He took 39½ hours for the journey to Capetown, beating the record by five and a half hours.

He left Capetown on the return flight on 10.10 on the night of February 7.—Reuter.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th February, 1939, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 1st March, 1939, or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th February, 1939, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1939.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be HELD at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 16th, February, 1939, at 12 NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st. December, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 4th. February to THURSDAY, 16th. February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th. January, 1939.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fiftieth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 9th day of March, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 25th FEBRUARY, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 9th MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. TAYLOR, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1939.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, the 24th February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 17th February, 1939, to Friday, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1939.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon, arrive Hongkong on Tuesday, 7th February, 1939.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before 17th February, 1939, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 13th February, 1939.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL, Agent.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1939.

CABINET MEETS IN PARIS

Discussing The New Situation In Spain

PARIS, Feb. 9.

THE FRENCH CABINET session scheduled to take place on Saturday, has suddenly been postponed till next Tuesday.

It is stated that this is done in view of the new developments in Spain.

It is believed that the French Government expects the entire diplomatic

REICH HAS DIFFICULTY Collecting Big Fine

BERLIN, Feb. 9.

THE FACT THAT the German Government is encountering serious difficulties in collecting the one milliard reichsmarks fine from the Jews, levied as a result of the murder of Herr von Rath of the German Embassy in Paris, is revealed by an announcement by the Finance Minister published in the official "Tax Gazette."

The announcement consists of a new circular giving detailed instructions of the methods of paying the fine. The new instruments order Jews to sell all personal and valuable objects before attempting to liquidate their stocks, bonds, and real estate.

It is believed that this measure is necessary, partly by the heavy depreciation in real estate values, as well as by a slump in the stock market towards the end of last year, due to hurried liquidation by the Jews.

JEWS SELL OUT

The circular also reveals that many Jews have been selling their houses and other real estate at values prevailing in 1935, instead of current values, with a resultant general depreciation of real estate prices.

The announcement orders that in cases where such property is liquidated, sales must be at prices generally current now.

The difficulties revealed by this circular support the belief of well-informed financial experts that the Government is not likely, in the end, to obtain more than a half of the fine, particularly as Jewish real estate is already heavily indebted.

The next instalment of the fine is due on February 15.—United Press.

ANSWER TO JAPANESE Increased Duties On Iron, Steel Staples

LONDON, Feb. 9.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS to-day adopted an additional import duties order relating to insulated iron, or steel staples, designed to meet Japanese competition.

Mr. Noel Baker (Lab.) expressed the opinion that the Government had given the least convincing reasons for the order, namely the reduction in sales of Japanese goods.

If Mr. H. H. Cross, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, said that they wanted to boycott the goods, because they were produced with sweated labour, and as a measure of retaliation against Japanese treatment of British interests in the Far East generally, they would have had more sympathy with the order.

They had previously urged that there should be a general international boycott of Japanese goods, and he hoped the Government had come to share these views.

An order relating to west p.l.e. velvets, designed to protect the Lancashire industry from Japanese imports, was also approved.—Reuter.

The motto on the flag behind which Hitler, Goebbels & Co., marched to power, was: "The Jews have economically ruined Germany." But the Herr says that a Jewish state would be economically powerful!

Further the Herr says such a state would provide refuge for criminals, thus making it a state of lawlessness, having given the word the Jew Commandments, would copy Nazi methods and murder, burn, loot, and rob in the name of Justice.

The ideologist goes on to say that the Jews should be put into a concentration camp on behalf of the democracies. One would have thought that Hitler would be only too pleased to see the Jews destroy "democracy" and help in the spread of Nazism—or perhaps he thinks they want to set up communism, a state of affairs in which they would be assimilated and perish far more completely than Mr. Hitler and Co., can ever accomplish.

The Herr ends his argumentum ad populum with the pessimistic declaration that even after Bolshevism and Judaism has been excluded from power there will still be conflicts—surprising, calling Mr. Hitler a liar, for does not Hitler say in Mein Kampf that the Jews are the source of all evil?

W. D.

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INSURGENTS FACE FRENCH GUARDS ALONG FRONTIER

(Continued from Page 2.)

Insurgent territory at their own request.—United Press.

INSURGENT PRISONERS

Bourgnadonne, Feb. 9.

Nine hundred and fifty insurgent prisoners regained their liberty for a few minutes to-day after being marched across the French frontier, only to lose it again by being sent back to Spain.

This arose from the delay in exchange of prisoners between the Insurgent command at Puicerda and the French authorities at Hendaye. Franco's men are all Spaniards, mostly captured at Teruel and brought over under armed Spanish guard. As they marched across the bridge over the Livia road they cheered the French and shouted greetings at their guards.

They gathered in an open field ready to be formally checked in, but a few minutes later the French-Spanish border authorities realised that the Insurgent prisoners had been brought to France until the French authorities arrived with formal word that the exchange was taking place. Moreover, Spanish guards were standing rifle in hand on the border of the Spanish side, where they would await orders for exchange.

United Press.

OCCUPATION OF LE PERTHUS

Le Perthus, Feb. 9.

Insurgent occupation of the Spanish part of Le Perthus completely surprised the military authorities.

Only ten minutes previously hilly loads of Loyalist troops calmly passed through the town.

The occupation was completed without a shot being fired. Three Insurgent flags broke over the Carabineros' posts on the frontier and the Loyalist flags were torn down.

Three Insurgent generals then walked slowly through the streets while the inhabitants hurriedly hunk Insurgent flags from the windows and shouted "Arriba Espana."

The generals warmly shook hands with the general commanding the French division.

Insurgent troops shouted "Viva France" and "The French and Spaniards are brothers."—Reuter.

GREAT CONFUSION IN PERTHUS

The arrival of the Insurgent forces threw the populace into great confusion.

All houses on the Spanish side of the main street suddenly emptied, crowds of inmates, with their arms full of household belongings dashing to the French side of the road.

Afterwards the street was completely deserted, except for French soldiers posted every 50 yards.—Reuter.

NAZI AGENT IN SPAIN

Berlin, Feb. 9.

Herr Hans Thomsen, who is officially described as a "trusted Party comrade," has been appointed to the new post of head of the Nazi organisation of Germans living in Spain.—Reuter Special.

Japan To Start Big Salvage Operations

TOKYO, Feb. 10.

JAPANESE REPORTS state that a chart of the navigation and routes section of the Navy Office indicates that Japan's coastline is literally blockaded with sunken vessels of various sizes which can be salvaged.

Therefore, despite a shortage of scrap iron, Japan has in near-by waters, heaps of iron, copper, brass, gold, silver, platinum and other metals.

It was also stated that over 1,000 sunken vessels were in the inland sea, whose iron was roughly estimated to weigh over 1,000,000 tons.—United Press.

BALANCED FOR SCRAP IRON

Tokyo, Feb. 10.

One look at the chart prepared by the Navigation Routes Section of the Navy Office will be enough to convince people that Japan's coast line is literally blockaded with sunken vessels of various sizes which can be salvaged, says "Domel."

Thus Japan, which is experiencing a shortage of scrap iron, has in her nearby waters a great supply of iron, as well as considerable quantities of copper, brass, gold, silver, platinum and other metals.

Japan has at present more than 1,000 sunken vessels at various points along her coast line, including 274 in the inland sea the iron of which is roughly estimated at over 1,000,000 tons.

This iron is known to be redeemable if salvage work is taken up vigorously.

According to figures given by the Asahi Shimbun, popular daily newspaper, scrap iron obtainable from sunken vessels in the inland sea amounts to 211,000 tons between Shikoku and Honshu, 156,000 tons in the Soya Straits, 110,000 tons in Tsugaru Straits, 104,000 tons along the west coast of Korea, 84,000 tons off the west coast of Kyushu, 74,000 tons in Tokyo Bay and 37,000 tons on the east coast of Hokkaido.—Domel.

Reporting Progress: by Ritchie Calder

TELEVISION TO SAVE YOUR EYES

TELEVISION waves are being used to cure eye-trouble.

Recently at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital I was shown a specially designed short wave generator, like a glorified wireless set, being used for the treatment of inflamed and ulcerated eyes.

This condition is becoming more and more frequent in the strained conditions of modern life. It is particularly common among children who are undernourished and who get insufficient sunshine.

And to counteract it, the eye hospital has enlisted the healing powers of wireless. The wave-length is the same as for television, just slightly above that used by the B.B.C., so that the instrument should not interfere with Alexandra Palace.

The patient lies on a couch, one electrode under the pillow. Wooden arms support two other electrodes, one for each eye, covered with soft pads which press lightly on the eyes.

Short waves penetrate the eye, and without discomfort produce a healing warmth which gradually clears up the infection.

LONGER waves are produced by another machine for the relief of

glaucoma, a disease of the eye-balls. These waves reduce the painful pressure within the eye-ball, which without operation would eventually lead to blindness.

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Piano Recital by Nura Kanis from the Studio

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6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) September in the Rain; (b) Take another guess; (c) Where the lazy river goes by; (d) Swing high, Swing low.

6.14 Record: On Top Of A Bus (Carr-Arden); We Agree Perfectly (David-Coots); Len Bermon (Vocal) with Orchestra and Step-Dancing by Len Bermon.

6.21 (a) At your beck and call; (b) When Pa was a young man; (c) Meet the beat of my heart; (d) Pled Piper of Hamelin Town.

6.35 Records: Nigette (Maud); A Japanese Sunset (Deppen); R. E. McPherson playing on the Organ of New Empire Cinema, London, with Violin; Stay Close To Me—Waltz (film "Mazurka"); Fred Stein (Piano).

6.44 (a) I can't escape from you; (b) Swinginola; (c) Basin Street Blues; (d) Embassy Stomp.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Todd Duncan, Josephine Baker and Cab Calloway and His Orchestra. Chinese Rhythm—Fox-Trot; Weakness—Fox-Trot; Cab Calloway and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus by Cab Calloway; River God (from "The Sun Never Sets"—Cole Porter); Drums (from "The Sun Never Sets"—Cole Porter); Todd Duncan (Vocal) with The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra cond. by Charles Prentice; Copper Coloured Gal—Fox-Trot; Cab Calloway and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Supposel (Dixon and Dimon); Pretty Little Baby (Baker and Bernie); Josephine Baker (Vocal) with Orchestra; Nagasaki—Fox-Trot; I Ain't Got Nobody—Fox-Trot; Cab Calloway and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

7.30 Otto Dobrindt and His Orchestra.

Sleeping Beauty's Bridal Procession (Max Rhodes); In A Clock Store (Chas. J. Orth); Otto Dobrindt and His Concert Orchestra; Suite De Dances (Kunze); Intermezzo (Valse Melancolique); Otto Dobrindt and His Orchestra; Sunny Days; Fox-Trot Intermezzo; Chorus Of The Clocks—Fox-Trot Intermezzo; Straussiana (Horseshell); When The Lads Are Off To Dance—Fox-Trot Intermezzo; Otto Dobrindt and His Piano-Rhythmicists.

8.00 Local Time Signal. Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Tschalkowsky—The Swan Lake—Ballet Music, Op. 20. Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

8.35 Studio—Piano Recital by Nura Kanis.

1. Sonata in A Major (Mozart); (a) Andante Grazioso; (b) Menuetto and Trio; (c) Alla Turca; 2. Capriccio, Op. 76, No. 2 (Brahms).

8.55 Next week's programme.

9.00 London Relay—Food for Thought.

Three short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 Nathan Milstein (Violin).

La Campanella (Rondo from "Concerto No. 2 in B Minor"—Paganini, Op. 7—arr. Kreisler); Nocturne in C Sharp Minor (Posthumous Chopin trans. Milstein).

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 B.B.C. Recording—A Light Varieties Programme.

Those taking part are Clapham and Dwyer; Harley and Barker; Janet Joye; Helmar Fernbeck; The Mill Billies and Tony's Red 4.

10.00 Len Green at the Piano.

Melodies Of The Month, No. 15; Intro: These foolish things; Would you; Poor little Angelina; The glory of love; Lovely lady; Melody for the sky; Melodies Of The Month, No. 20; Intro: Take my heart; South Sea Island Magic; There isn't any limit to my love.

10.40 Debroy Somers and His Band.

Irving Berlin Waltz Songs—M'dley ... with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovani; Memories Of Horatio Nicholls ... with Vocal Chorus.

11.00 Close Down.

Daring Gang Robbery

A DARING ROBBERY in the Ho Sheung Heung Village, New Territories, about one o'clock this morning resulted in a haul of money, clothing and jewellery to the value of about \$1,968 to a gang of seven men.

A report was later made to the Police by Hau Yee-shing, 20 married women who said two of the robbers were armed with revolvers, while another one had a dagger. After threatening her with the dagger, the robbers proceeded to ransack the room, and left shortly after.

A man was held up by two men in Wai-keung Road, near the Railway Bridge about 1.40 p.m. yesterday and robbed of \$10 in money as well as his watch and a purse.

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Naval Man Dies In Tsingtao

The death occurred yesterday of Leading Seaman Herbert A. Hopkins of H.M.S. Folkestone.

The message does not give the circumstances of his death but it is learned that Folkestone was at Tsingtao at the time and Hopkins was Quarter Master of the Middle Watch.

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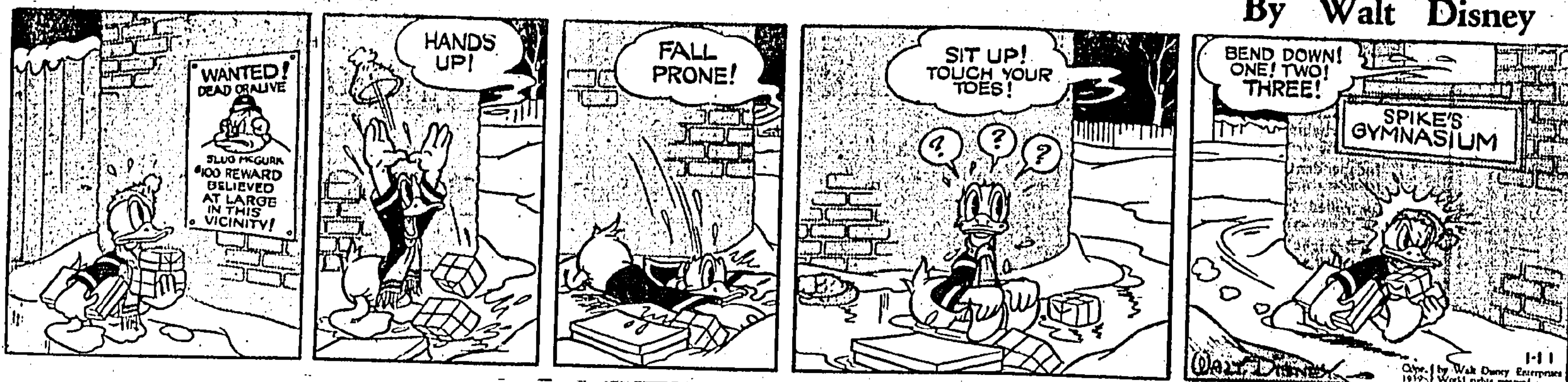
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MAN SAVES POLICE MUCH TROUBLE

A PLEA of guilty by Cheung Sal-nam, 30-year-old unemployed man, saved the Police the trouble of sending to Sanmei Village, Chinese Territory, for their chief witness in the case against him.

Cheung appeared on remand before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, on a charge of attempting to obtain the sum of \$500 from the Shun Cheong Import and Export Company by means of a forged document. Inspector W. A. Russell who prosecuted, had already asked for a further week's adjournment, as he said a witness, who was at Sanmei, had been sent for, but as there were no steamers running, and the only way to Hongkong was by junk which had to pass through Japanese controlled territory, it was rather risky for the witness to get through.

Mr. Forrest then decided to take defendant's plea, which was guilty, and sentenced him to three months' hard labour.

Inspector Russell said the complainant was a pig dealer who had delivered a cargo of 22 pigs to a dealer in Hongkong. He had a letter for the firm asking that payment be made to a certain firm. Defendant had told complainant that he would deliver the letter for him, but he had opened it and put in words to the effect that the money was to be paid to bearer.

The firm making the payment became suspicious of this, and sent for the Police when defendant was arrested.

Miss Z. Carter, Helena May Institute, has reported to the Police the loss of a car cover valued at \$25 between 8 p.m. on February 8 and 10 a.m. on February 9.

A silver wrist watch valued at \$40 was stolen from the Y.W.C.A., at 5 a.m., yesterday, when some person prised open the iron railing of a window on the ground floor.

PRIVATE HUGH KIRKPATRICK, of the Royal Scots, wanted to take a joy ride.

A motor-bus stood near the Shamshuipo barracks, its engine idling, its driver momentarily elsewhere.

Private Kirkpatrick decided to take a joy-ride. That was why he appeared at the Kowloon Court this morning, charged with driving a motor-bus without a licence and without the permission of the owners. He was fined \$20.

Acting Traffic Sub-Inspector J. Sorin told the Court that on January 20, the bus driver left his vehicle at the terminus in Shamshuipo.

When the driver left a hut to return to his bus, he noticed that it was moving. He ran alongside the vehicle and shouted to the driver, the defendant, to stop, but no heed was paid to his request.

The driver went to the Shamshuipo Police Station for aid and when a detective came out, he saw the bus parked a short distance away, near Laichikok Road.

When the defendant was taken to the Police Station he was in a normal condition and sober.

Mr. Macfadyen (the Magistrate): What did you do this for?

Kirkpatrick: I don't know, sir.

Mr. Macfadyen: Had you been drinking?—No, sir.

Further questioned, the defendant said that he had been trying to see if he could drive the bus.

It was also said that Kirkpatrick had a licence to drive a vehicle, but

Broke Window

Frank Fairfield, 22, a marine of H.M.S. Kent, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with maliciously damaging a window pane at 126 Gloucester Road on February 4, and with being drunk and disorderly on the same date.

Defendant was found guilty on both charges, and ordered to pay \$15 compensation to the complainant, Chun Tin-sang, and a fine of \$10 on the second count.

A naval representative in Court said defendant had a good character and that this was his first offence.

Detective Sergeant Hutchinson prosecuted.

ATTACK ON JAPANESE: MAN REMANDED

A FORMAL REMAND of another week was granted to Detective Inspector W. N. Darkin by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning when Li Ping-chun, 22, appeared in Court in connection with the recent attack on a Japanese in the Cha Heung Sut Eating House in Wanchai.

Li was charged with wounding and causing grievous bodily harm to Hiyoishi Sagara with intent to murder.

Inspector Darkin said the man was still in the Queen Mary Hospital, and no date could be fixed for the hearing until the man was able to leave the hospital.

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NANNING

Big Increase Seen In Ear-Ring Snatching

ONE SECTION of crime in Kowloon that does not seem to have lost its prevalency with the passing of time, although arrested miscreants have and are receiving heavy penalties from Magistrates, is earring-snatching.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

There were more enquiries in the market and a fair turnover was recorded, at prevailing prices. Hotels are wanted at \$6.00 after business having been done at \$6.05, while Providents have buyers at \$0.05 and Wharves at \$1.17.

Bayers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1.50
Canton Insurance	\$2.00
Union Insurance	\$4.25
China Underwriters	63 cts.
H.K. Fire Insurance	\$1.75
Douglases	65
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$1.15
Providents (Old)	\$0.60
Providents (New)	\$0.25
H. & S. Hotels	\$0.70
H.K. Latex	\$3.50
Chinese Estates	207
H.K. Tramways	\$1.35
Yamat Feries (Old)	\$2.25
Macao Electric	\$1.75
Sandakan Lights	\$1.0
H.K. Ropes	\$4.10
Wing On (H.K.)	\$3.50
Entertainments	57
Marmans (Lon)	14/6
Marmans (H.K.)	2/4
Sellers	
Hongkong Bank	\$1.4125 (ex d.)
Canton Insurance	\$2.00
H.K. Tramways	\$1.75
H.K. Electric	\$0.84
Macao Electric	\$1.85
Sandakan Lights	\$1.04
Sales	
Hongkong Bank	\$1.50 (c.d.)
Union Insurance	\$4.00
China Underwriters	63 cts.
China Lights (Old)	\$8.20/03
China Lights (Rights)	72
H.K. Electric	\$0.84/08
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Atoks	35 1/2
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Harriet Consolidated	13.00
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Democrazans	20 1/2
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Paracale Gums	14 1/2
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CANE FOR OFFENDERS

This morning, at the Kowloon Magistracy, Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen imposed a sentence of six months' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane on a man named Li Tong, 22, who admitted having snatched a pair of gold earrings, set with seven pearls and said to be worth \$12, from a 47-year-old woman who was waiting in Yau-mat, Kowloon, on February 2.

Li escaped immediate arrest, but was taken into custody a few days following police enquiries.

The woman's ears were slightly torn by the snatching, and in imposing the sentence, Mr. Macfadyen remarked that as the woman had suffered so had Li also.

Auto Driven 17 Years

Akron, O.

Lee Clough has driven his 17-year-old automobile a distance equivalent

This type of theft was first noticed to be increasing some six to seven months ago, when as many as three to four cases had to be dealt with by one police station a day, with the result that as many as five cases came before a single Magistrate the next morning.

A certain amount of cruelty is attached to this kind of offence, for the victims, mainly old women, usually suffer by having their ears torn through the force used by the thief in snatching the adornments.

In the past few months, such instances have abated slightly in numbers, but seldom a day passes without some man being sentenced to a term of imprisonment and strokes of the cane for victimising some woman of their earrings.

In several instances, the earrings were the only real articles of value that the women had, and it is not in every case that they are recovered as some snatchers have the assistance of an accomplice who make off with the earrings after the snatching.

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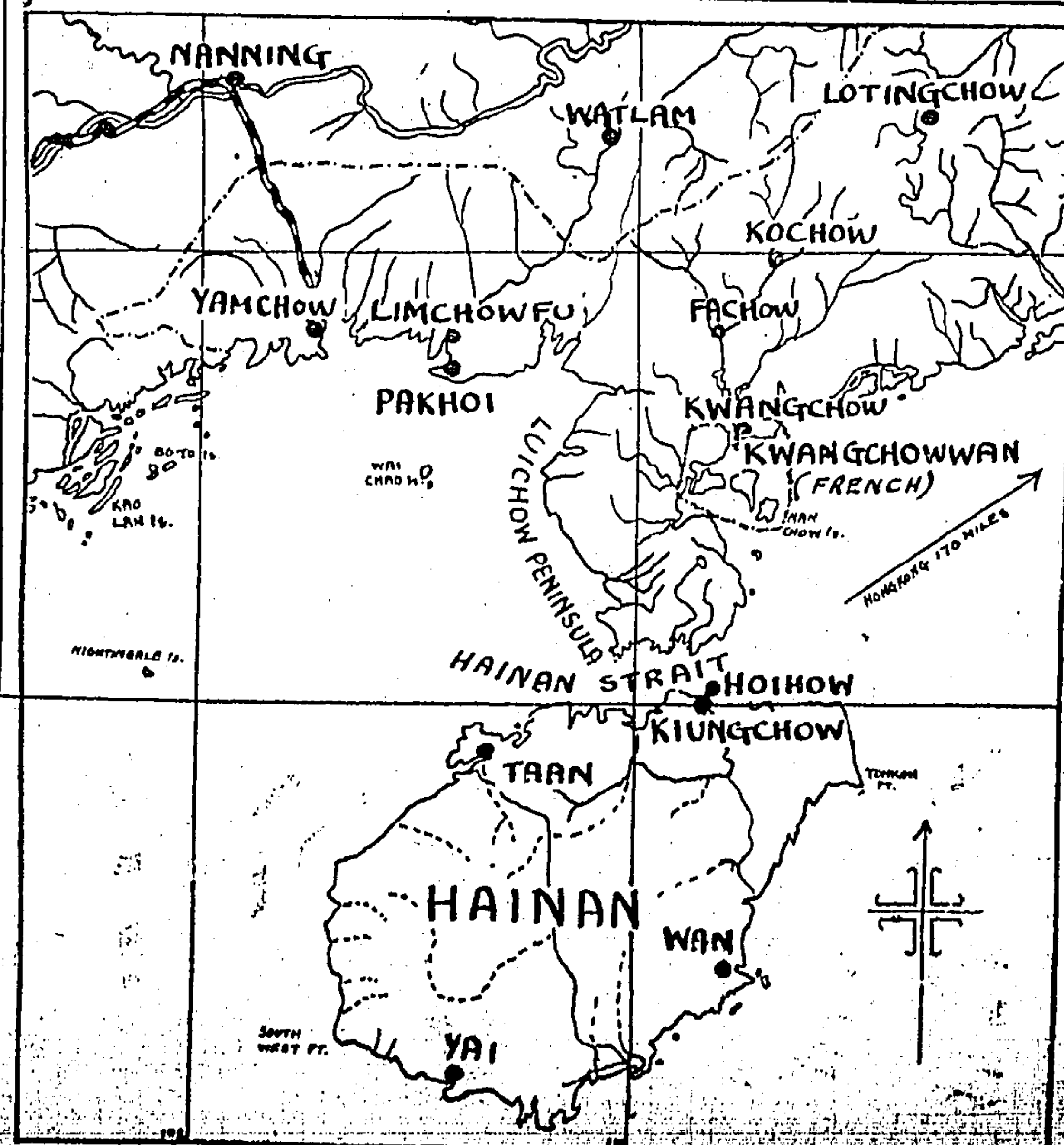
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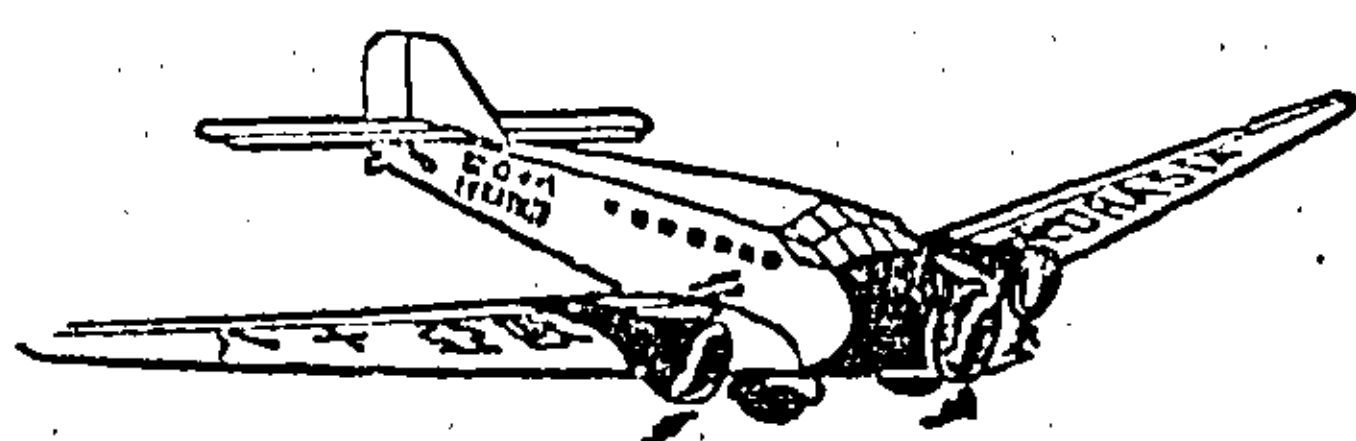
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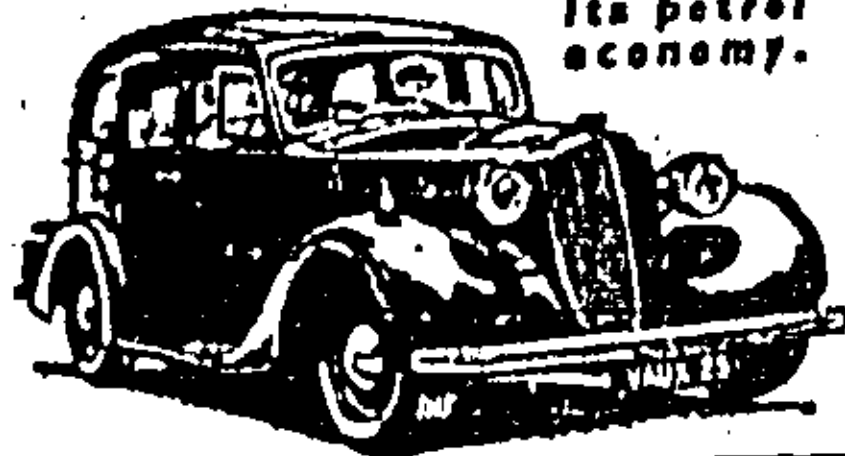
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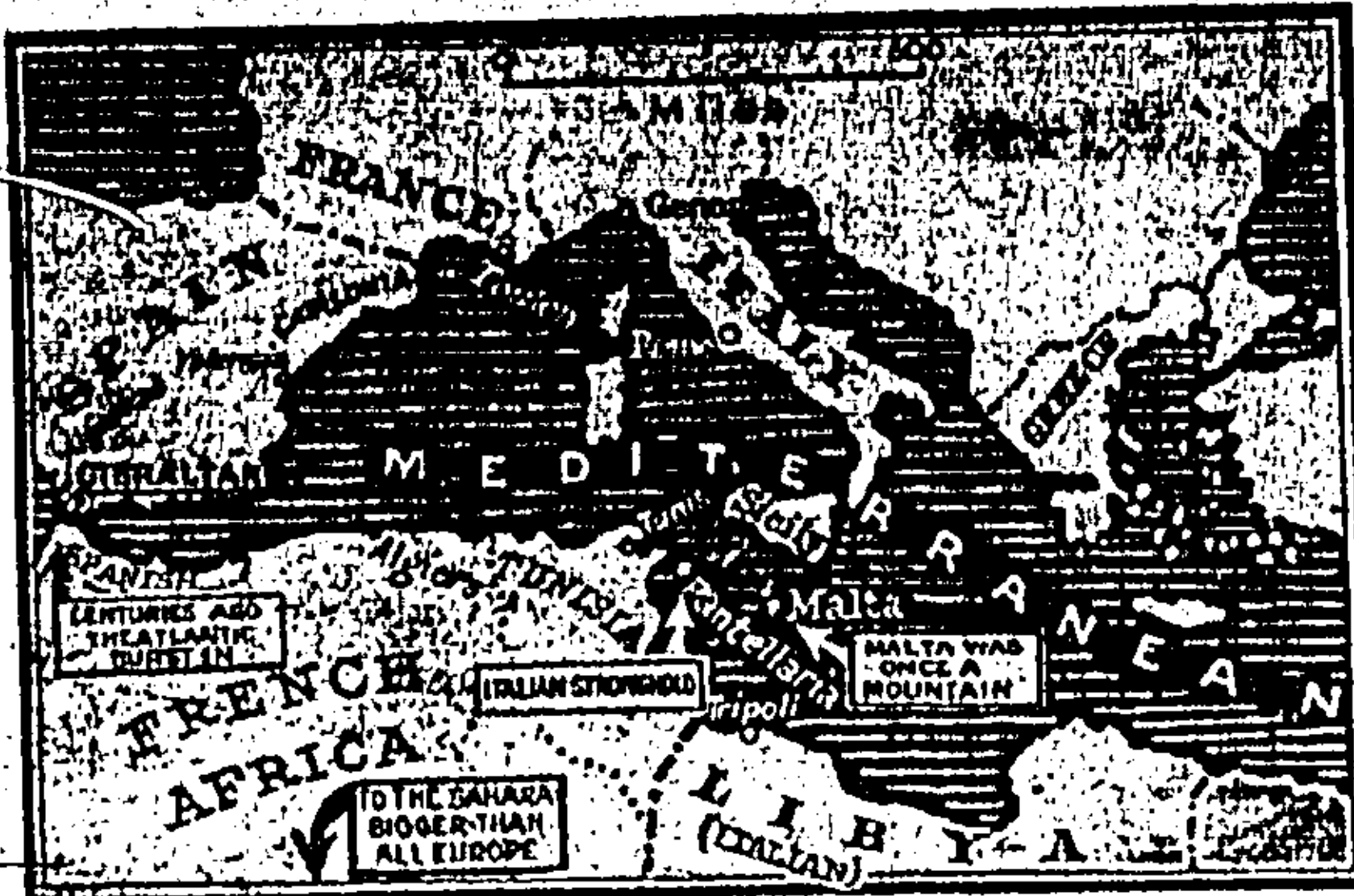
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No Safety In Isolation

By contemporary European standards the programme which the Military Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday approved to Congress for defence is comparatively modest. The Committee has approved President Roosevelt's request for a total appropriation, over and above the ordinary defence budget, of £105,000,000, of which £42,000,000 is to be expended by the middle of next year. What is chiefly noteworthy about this expenditure is not the amount but the object, which is to improve the effectiveness of the United States defences in meeting a sudden emergency.

President Roosevelt, it will be recalled, recently reminded Congress that it was 14 months after the entry of America into the last war before she was ready to take part in a major engagement. Thanks to the rapid development more especially of the air weapon, no such respite for preparation could be counted on in a future war. In this new situation the existing defence forces of the United States may be found somewhat inadequate and there is some reason on insistence for immediate action.

Only very recently and with difficulty has it been brought home to the people of Great Britain that modern conditions have shattered their age-long geographical immunity from attack. From being one of the least vulnerable islands Great Britain has become in the course of a few years one of the most vulnerable countries in the world. The United States, though a good deal farther away from probable centres of aggression, is no longer so far away that she can continue to presume upon the protection of distance alone. Such is the expanding range, speed and capacity of the aeroplane that if she is not yet accessible to the bomber to-day she may be to-morrow. She finds herself faced as never before with the risk of attack from other continents. Concurrently with the vast increase in the means of attack has grown the disposition to use them. Technical and political considerations alike are compelling her willy-nilly to abandon her dream of comfortable isolation.



A Little Lesson In Geography

READERS MAY recall reading the other day about the bristling batteries of guns that command the approach to Tunisia from the north-east.

The night I wrote that article we pulled our chairs nearer to the fire and talked.

What! you exclaim; fires in Africa? Of course there are. Africa, you know, is just a cold country with a hot sun.

Well, we began to talk of the Mediterranean scene, this strange and dangerous sea which was once most undoubtedly the cradle of civilisation, and I began to realise what a lot there is we do not know about the "Middle of the Earth," or the Middle Sea.

How Big is the Sahara?

WE unrolled a map and began to check up distances; how near is this to that; how far from shore to shore. Then we realised that in these days of long-range guns, swift sea or land planes, wireless telegraphy, and silent-moving submarines, distance was, in terms of naval warfare, almost eliminated.

To say that the area of this place is so many thousands of square miles means very little; nothing but many figures. Now look at geography from another angle and you will find how staggering comparative size may be.

Ask yourself this question: "How big is the Sahara?" You know it is "very big," but did you know that it is bigger than Europe?

Down towards the south of the Sahara is Lake Tchad. It does not look very large on the map and is close to that queerly named place Timbuctoo.

All-French Route

DO you know, have you any idea of, the size of Lake Tchad? I can tell you that this lake is approximately the same area as Belgium, and it takes a motor-boat capable of doing 13 knots two days to cross the lake. I happen to know this because two French explorer friends of mine are starting a motor-boat service across the lake next Sunday.

Previously, travellers had to go through British Nigeria to reach Timbuctoo. The new route is "all French."

Just another proof of what Mr. Chamberlain found in Paris this week: that our neighbours have suddenly become Empire-conscious.

Mr. Chamberlain is in Rome, actually 15 miles from the Mediterranean. The port of Ostia is the nearest to Rome.

We in England regard the Mediterranean as a pleasant place for cruising, sun bathing, decided to escape the rigours of our winter. Even if the Premier was not conscious of it, Signor Mussolini would quickly call attention to the one big Mediterranean problem, as Italy sees it.

The Duce once said that Italy must regard herself as an island in the Mediterranean; there you have the Italian side of the question in a nutshell.

Britain's Lifeline

THE "Middle Sea" to Britain means a lifeline, vital marine communications. To France it means a piece of water across which she must bring black troops from Africa, hundreds and hundreds of thousands of them.

Now, Mussolini is a former journalist—he was a fellow-reporter of mine at the Cannes Conference—and I feel sure he sees the Mediterranean not only in terms of shrunken geography but in vivid pictures.

History, history, history; half the history of the world around those shores on which the tide scarcely moves.

Let us go back, back to the beginning of things. Hundreds of thousands of years ago, what we to-day call the Mediterranean was a marshy swamp, with huge tracts of forest land. Here prehistoric man dwelt with the wild beasts.

Scientists tell us that these men were veritable giants, and strong, like the Biblical Goliath. They hunted the animals for their meat and their skins. Life continued thus until Mother Nature took a hand.

Look for a moment at the left-hand corner of the map of the Mediterranean. You will notice how close Africa is to Europe here. So near is it that I have stood in Algiers and with the naked eye seen the mosques and gleaming white houses of Tangier.

Then there came the day, countless centuries ago, when the barrier which kept the Atlantic Ocean out of the swampy land where prehistoric man chased wild horses, broke, and the waters rushed in. That is how the Mediterranean became a sea, a very dangerous sea.

Of course, there were mountains high enough to keep their heads out of the swirling waters. Those mountains are there to-day. Very likely when you were cruising you visited them.

Didn't you know they were mountains? They are; Malta and Cyprus, for instance.

Island Stronghold

OTHER Mediterranean islands may be volcanic, thrown up long after the Atlantic rushed in. One such island has recently come into the news. I mean the island of Pantellaria, an Italian stronghold, a few minutes' flying from those bristling batteries of French guns I mentioned earlier.

What pages of momentous history!

Try to imagine a day when Napoleon Bonaparte was embarking at Toulon for Egypt. The "Little Corporal" was in an evil mood. The Government had wished him to invade England, and as this was not considered feasible Napoleon had decided to escape the rigours of jumping-off ground for the invasion of India.

Napoleon was moody because Nelson was in the Mediterranean, and it was not safe; also his wife would not accompany him to Egypt; also there was a great storm which held up the sailing for several days. Then the skies cleared, Napoleon sailed—and as an afterthought

World slanging match up to date

THE world is not at war—but there is a perpetual world war of words these days, you will have noticed.

Here is a list of quotations taken from statements and speeches by world leaders during the past twelve months. In perspective they show a remarkable increase in frequency and frankness:

February 12, 1938: Article in officially approved Italian newspaper 11 Regime Fascista: "The tension between Great Britain and Italy is far more acute than is generally supposed. Our opinion will not change until London's foreign policy ceases to be directed by Mr. Eden."

February 20: Mr. Eden resigns. September 28: Dr. Goebbels speaks in the Lustgarten, Berlin: "It is a shameful provocation on the part of Benes to plunge Europe into a bloody conflict. He places his trust in Moscow or in the war-mongers of Paris or London."

October 5: Dr. Benes resigns. November 7: Herschel Pichel Grunzpan shoots Ernst vom Rath, third secretary at the German Embassy in Paris.

November 8: Dr. Goebbels's paper, the Angriff, published photographs of Churchill, Duff Cooper and Attlee grouped with pictures of Jewish assassins, such as Grynvald and David Frankfurter, who shot Dr. Gustloff, leader of the German Nazis in Switzerland, in 1936. The statesmen were shown as "the men who provoked others to murder."

November 14: British Charge

stopped off at Malta long enough to capture the island.

Then came Nelson, the end of the Egyptian campaign, the Battle of Trafalgar, and a long era of peace in the Mediterranean. My space is running out. Let us give the kaleidoscope a quick turn round. Here are the Moors crossing the sea to subdue Spain. Another twist: here are the Moors going back to Spain, but this time as hired mercenaries to fight for Italy.

They've Tried to Rule It PERHAPS, while Mr. Chamberlain stays in the Eternal City he will remember the dangerous things that have happened in the place which cradled the civilisation we know.

Pirates and merchantmen fought, but the sea was made safe again for commerce. Turks and Spaniards have ruled the Mediterranean, and also those old Romans.

Men have come down from the North to cross into Africa and try to rule it, and twice Africa has crossed to the northern shores. Three continents—Europe, Africa, and Asia—meet on the Mediterranean.

Its possibilities for peace or war are great, but let us see to it that this "Middle Sea" is not the grave as well as the cradle of the civilisation we know.

d'Alema in Berlin protests against the Angriff article.

November 15: President Roosevelt speaks at a Press conference on the plight of the Jews in Germany: "The news of the past few days from Germany has deeply shocked public opinion in the United States. I myself could scarcely believe that such things could occur in twentieth-century civilisation."

November 30: Count Ciano makes a speech in the Chamber of Deputies declaring that the Italian Government's policy would be based on the protection of Italian interest and the "natural aspirations" of the Italian people.

The speech is greeted with shouts from the deputies of "Tunisia" and "Corsica."

December 9: The Lokalanzeiger comments on Lord Baldwin's broadcast appeal on behalf of Jewish refugees: "The speech is the limit of mendacious humanitarian hypocrisy. . . . His speech is a 100 per cent. expression of Anglo-Saxon cant. Anglo-Saxon political insincerity, Anglo-Saxon exploitation of thelachrymatory gland and Anglo-Saxon gutter humanity."

"We must ask of Lord Baldwin that he should not meddle with our affairs like a guttersnipe."

December 13: Mr. Chamberlain speaks at the Foreign Press Association dinner: "I must deplore the recent attitude of the German Press, which, in one case, has not scrupled to pour out its vituperation against our most respected statesman, himself only recently the Prime Minister of this country and in few cases has shown much desire to understand our point of view."

December 18: Mr. Harold Ickes, U.S. Minister of the Interior, speaks on totalitarianism: "To seek a true comparison we must return to a period when man was unlettered, benighted and bestial. Certain sections of Europe to-day make it possible for anthropologists to study primitive man without a reconstruction of the social order on the basis of a human jawbone or a few implements used long ago. The intelligence and culture of a humane people has been sunk tracelessly in the thick darkness of pre-primitive times. Witchcraft has been enthroned, and modern dictators have set themselves up as high priests of a more cruel if more refined voodooism."

December 31: The official Nazi paper, Volkischer Beobachter, says: "It is only too obvious that these continual invectives by leading Americans must be attributed to Jewish pressure which has for a long time been strangling the freedom of decision of the present Washington regime."

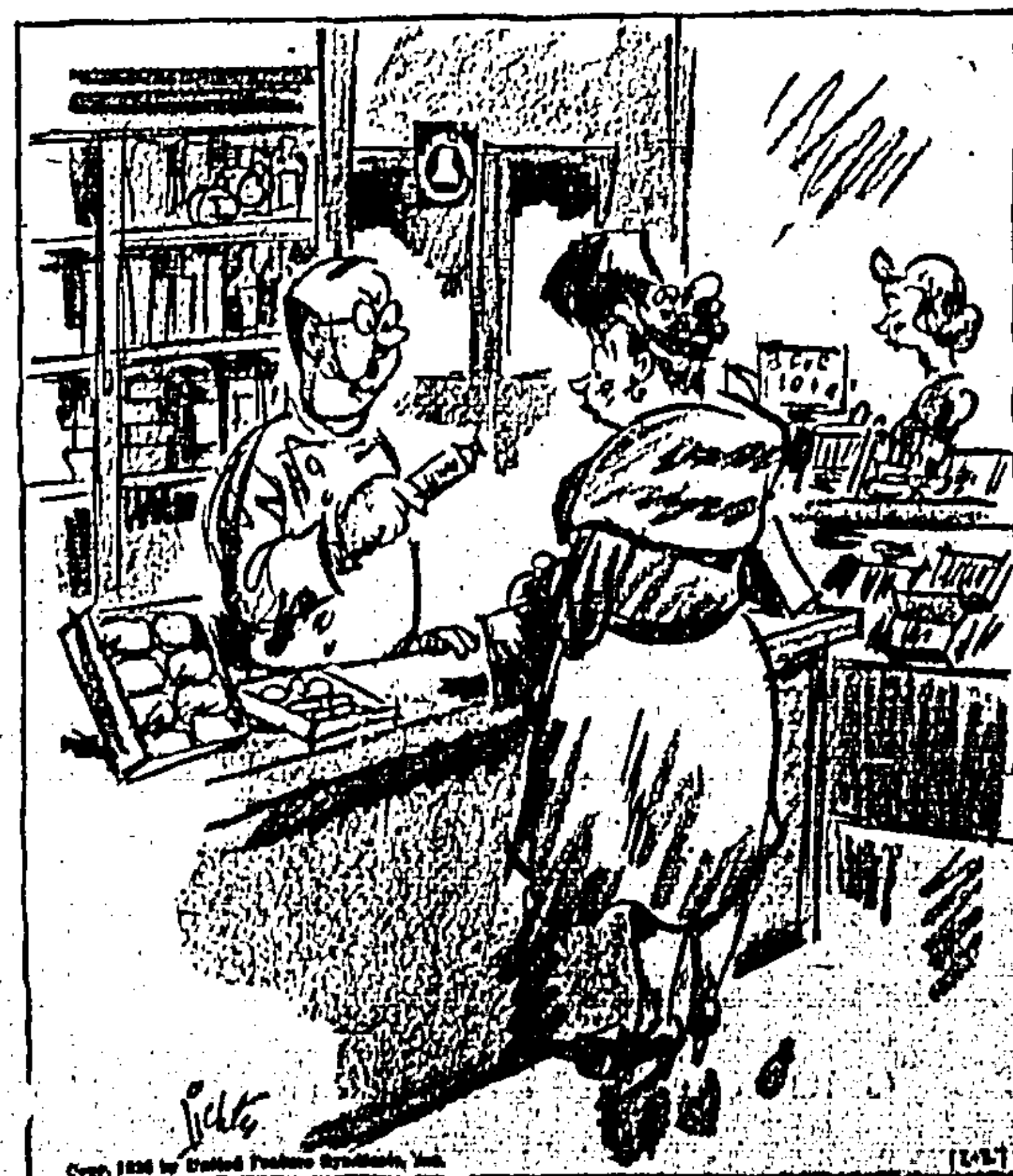
January 2, 1939: Daladier visits Corsica and is handed a Corsican vendetta dagger by the deputy mayor of Ajaccio. He flourishes it, making a gesture of cutting a throat.

January 4: President Roosevelt speaks at the opening of Congress: "We, no more than other nations, can afford to be surrounded by the enemies of our faith and of our humanity. We cannot safely be indifferent to international lawlessness anywhere."

January 5: German official news agency comments on President Roosevelt's speech: "Roosevelt's accusations against Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, even in the mouth of a head of the State, did not change their character as exceptionally stupid and dirty untruths."

To be, as the serials reassuringly say, continued in our next, no doubt.

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ANTI-FOREIGN FEELING GROWING

Britain, France And The United States Flayed

TOKYO, Feb. 9. TOKYO vernacular papers to-day splashed nationalistic sentiments reflecting the growing bitterness towards foreign countries.

They uniformly interpreted Admiral Yonai's vague remarks to the Diet concerning naval expansion as serving notice to other Powers that Japan will be able to match the increased armaments of Britain, the United States, and others.

The "Kokumin Shimbun" featured the proposals of American control of the Alaskan fisheries, picturing President Roosevelt as secretly conspiring to help the Soviets against Japan.

The "Miyako Shimbun" flayed British and French aid for Chiang Kai-shek, asserting that Anglo-French and Italo-German line-ups were natural, but that the United States should stand aloof.

The "Asahi Shimbun" backed strong attitude towards Russia regarding the fisheries issue.—United Press.

FOREIGN BOYCOTTS AFFECT TRADE

Tokyo, Feb. 10. Japanese reports state that the Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Osaka announced that it received 9,000 trade inquiries from abroad during 1938, which was a decrease of 27 per cent. compared with the preceding year.

It was stated that the decrease was attributed to anti-Japanese boycott negotiations and unfavourable economic conditions in various foreign countries.

Germany, Brazil, and other "friendly" nations sent more inquiries than during 1937.—United Press.

SOVIET EMBASSY GUARDED BY JAPANESE SENTRY

Hankow, Feb. 9. It is authoritatively reported that a Japanese sentry has been placed at the entrance to the Soviet Embassy in Hankow, and is searching visitors and members of the Embassy staff.

A Chinese employee of the Embassy staff is reported to have been beaten by a Japanese sentry yesterday.

The Tass Agency correspondent in Hankow was unable to proceed home to-day. He was stopped and searched by Japanese sentries, who menaced him with bayonets.—United Press.

POPULAR ROOSEVELT

London, Feb. 9. In a canvass held by the British Institute of Public Opinion, 74 per cent. believed that a third term for Mr. Franklin Roosevelt as President of the United States would benefit the world. A contrary opinion was held by seven per cent., while 19 per cent. gave no opinion.—United Press.

British Aid For Refugees Is Sought


London, Feb. 9. It is learned that Mr. Corbin, the French Ambassador, called at the Foreign Office during the last two days to discuss questions arising from the presence of the unprecedented numbers of Spanish refugees in France.

It is understood that Mr. Corbin pointed out that there was a serious shortage of medical supplies, and asked what assistance could be given from Britain in this respect.

It is understood that the matter is being sympathetically considered.—Reuter.

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Nothing In Bible To Prevent Nudist Ceremony Says Attorney

DENVER, COLORADO, Feb. 9.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Byron Rogers has consulted the Colorado statutes and the Bible, and has formally ruled that there is no law preventing a man and woman from being married in "the same natural uniform in which they were born."

He replied in these terms by letter to the Rev. H. P. Ferec, a pastor, who asked if he might "marry an unclothed couple on a secluded mountain top, west of Denver, on Easter morning."

The Rev. Ferec wrote that the ceremony was the "only way these two could wash their sins away." Deputy Attorney-General Luke Kavanaugh studied law books for several hours on the point, and came to the conclusion that "if a couple wants the ceremony performed that way, and so long as they were properly modest about it, then it is not our business."—United Press.

Lost U.S. Missionary Is Found

Yenan, Feb. 9. It was officially reported to-day that John Burt Foster, from Tairbault, Minnesota, who was reported missing since October last, and who was later reported to have appeared at Linchow, where he was captured by the Japanese on January 30, was subsequently recaptured by the Chinese on February 3, and is at present at Wutaihsan, the headquarters of the Eighth Route Army in northern Shansi.

He is helping Richard Brown, who is also an American missionary. Brown returned from Hongkong in December with medical supplies destined for the Eighth Route fighters.

Both are reported to be well and happy, and it is reliably stated that Foster has not been sick or wounded.—United Press.

Unemployed Increase Is Explained

London, Feb. 9. The Minister of Labour, referring to the recent increase in the number of unemployed at House of Commons question-time, said the increase was regretted in all parts of the House, but it would be a mistake to exaggerate its significance.

The increase last month was due, in large part, to the fact that the increase in unemployment which normally follows cessation of the Christmas activities, was accentuated this year by bad weather on the day of the count.

Mr. Ernest Brown also made the point that long-term unemployment was steadily on the increase. The Labour opposition's motion of censure on the subject of unemployment will be debated in the House of Commons next Thursday.—British Wireless.

Schacht To Leave On World Tour

Berlin, Feb. 9. Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, will shortly make a trip around the world in an entirely private capacity, says a report.—Reuter.



Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. H. T. Duxton and Alberta Pearce Wallon.—King's Studio.

HONGKONG SHORT OF THOUSAND MILLION GALLONS OF WATER

ON FEBRUARY 1, according to the monthly water returns for January, there was a total storage in Island reservoirs of 1,116.33 million gallons, compared with 1,399.3 million gallons on the same date last year. On the mainland, storage amounted to 1,650.49 million gallons, compared to 2,490.7 million gallons last year.

Consumption of water on the Island during 1938 showed a marked decrease over the consumption for the same period in 1937, the comparative figures being 334.6 million gallons, or 19.4 gallons per head per day for an estimated population of 550,000, and 415.69 million gallons or 30.1 gallons per head per day for an estimated population of 445,000.

Consumption on the mainland during January amounted to 232.88 million gallons or 15 gallons per head per day for an estimated population of 500,000, compared to 253.33 million gallons or 21.5 gallons per head per day for an estimated population of 390,000 during the same period last year.

Baronetcy For Boy Aged Five

London, Feb. 9. His Majesty has conferred a Baronetcy of the United Kingdom on a five-year-old boy.

He is Andrew Ashton Walker Hills, son of the late John Walker Hills, Privy Councillor, whose name would have been submitted to the King for a Baronetcy in the New Year honours list, but for his death last Christmas Eve at the age of 71.

Andrew was the only child. His mother became Mrs. Hills' second wife in 1931, and is granted the style, title, and precedence of a Baroness's wife.—Reuter.

Labour Party Whip Resigns

London, Feb. 9. As a sequel to the expulsion of Sir Stafford Cripps from the British Labour Party, Lord Parmoor has requested that the Labour Party whip be no longer sent to him.—Reuter Special.

New Currency Bill Passed

London, Feb. 9. After a short debate in the House of Commons the Bill amending the Currency and Bank Notes Act, and providing for the revocation of the gold reserve of the Bank of England, passed through its remaining stages in the House of Commons this evening.—British Wireless.

8,800,000,000 Yen Is Cost Of War To Japan So Far

CHUNGKING, Feb. 9. A LOCAL EVENING paper to-day reported that from the time the Sino-Japanese war began, up to the end of January last, Japan had spent a total of 8,800,000,000 yen, while for the same period China had spent 5,000,000,000 yen.

It was pointed out that at the time the war started, one yen was approximately equal to one pound, and therefore China's war expenses were less than one-fourth those of Japan. This had caused Japan to be in a financial dilemma in the protracted war with China.—United Press.

Rushing Iron Lung To Uganda

Infantile Paralysis Breaks Out

LONDON, Feb. 9. A NUFFIELD iron lung is being rushed by an Imperial Airways flying boat to Kampala, East Africa, where an outbreak of infantile paralysis is reported.

The lung is being sent in response to an urgent cable to the Colonial Office from the Governor of Uganda.

It will leave Southampton on the Imperial Airways regular Durban service on Saturday morning, and will reach Uganda, nearly 5,000 miles away, on Tuesday.

The lung, which weighs 600 lbs., is a device for artificially maintaining breathing in cases where normal muscular action is affected.—British Wireless.

AGREEMENT REACHED BY ARABS To Present United Front At Parleys

LONDON, Feb. 9. IT IS NOW confirmed that an agreement has been reached between the two sections of the Arab delegations to the Palestine conference in London.

The two sections will form a single delegation. The Nashashibi Party will be represented by Raghe Bey, Nashashibi, and Yacoub Farraj, the vice-President of the Defence Party. Farraj is also head of the Greek orthodox community in Palestine.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, who had taken a prominent part in the Palestine negotiations, had an audience with the King this afternoon, and informed His Majesty of the latest situation.

CONFERENCE BEGINS A picturesque scene was presented by the arrival of the Arab delegates at St. James' Palace for the first Palestine discussions.

The Egyptian delegation, wearing European dress, were followed by the Yemen representatives in white turbans, green sashes, and wearing the customary daggers, while the leader, Prince Aliusseln wore his famous golden scimitar.

Next came Prince Faisal, heading the Saudi-Arabs in long, embroidered gold robes, with traditional flowing headdress.

The Defence Party representatives, Raghe Bey and Nashashibi were indisposed and unable to attend, the Defence Party was not represented at the first meeting.

The conference began at 5.10 p.m.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

Temperatures in Hongkong switched again during the past 24 hours, the maximum jumping up to 62, while the minimum touched 57.

The thermometer was high again this morning, registering 64 degrees, while humidity was 61 per cent.

The Royal Observatory weather report stated that a strong anti-cyclone has formed over Mongolia and is extending southward. A depression has formed to the east of Mindanao and is moving north-west.

Local forecast: North-east and east winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

New Secretary To Treasury

London, Feb. 9. Sir Horace Wilson has been appointed permanent secretary to the Treasury and official head of the Civil Service in succession to Sir Warren Fisher, who is retiring next October.

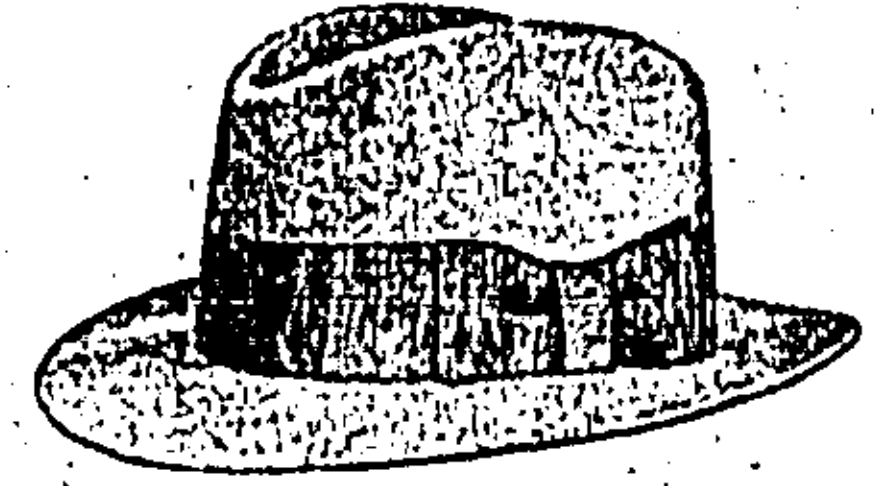
Sir Horace Wilson's name was prominently in the public eye at the time of Mr. Chamberlain's visits to Herr Hitler at Berchtesgaden and Godesburg in September. He accompanied the Prime Minister as an advisor, although his official post was of chief industrial adviser to the Government.—Reuter Special.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

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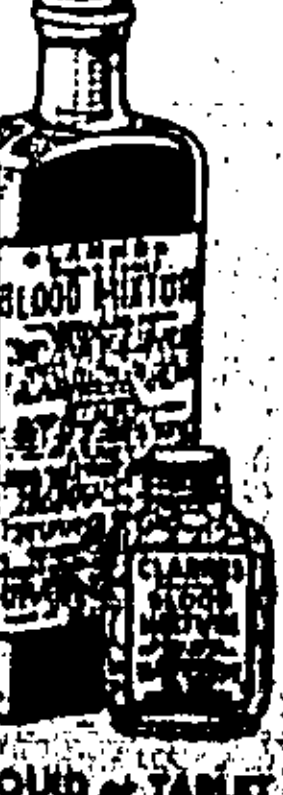
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ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME AT FANLING ON SUNDAY

Grand National Race To Celebrate Its Fourteenth Birthday WHY NOT CALL ONE FENCE "BECHERS"?

(By "Captain Foster")

All the sporting celebrities will no doubt wend their way to Fanling on Sunday when two Grand National Steeplechases (one confined to Australian and the other to China ponies) will be contested at Kwanti racecourse. There are, in addition, the Fox Hunters' Plate (a hurdle race for China ponies, bona fide hunters) and three flat handicap events for Australian and China ponies.

The Stewards of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club are to be congratulated in providing the public with such an attractive programme.

In every hunting country and Point-to-Point course there is at least one fence called "Becher's" and it seems a pity that the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt Club have not as yet thought fit to name one of the obstacles as such. There are, of course, other fences called the Canal Turn, Valentine's Brook, etc. At Kwanti racecourse we have only two fences, known as the Open Ditch and the Water Jump, and I do not think it would be a bad idea to name the fence which is the last of the race after the late H. B. L. Dowling, who was the founder of the Fanling Race Club. It is the late H. B. L. Dowling, who was the founder of the Fanling Race Club. It is the late H. B. L. Dowling, who was the founder of the Fanling Race Club.

Ebony Idol Should Win Race Again

Ebony Idol, the winner of last Grand National is among the list of this year's entries and this pony, belonging to Mr. H. B. L. Dowling, has a big chance of annexing the race a second time, and to add his name to the list of only four others who have twice won the Blue Riband at Kwanti. The handicapper, Mr. C. M. Alves, has set Diogenes and Ebony Idol to shoulder the limit load of 103 lbs. but judging by his fine display at the January Meeting, I certainly have confidence in giving my vote to Ebony Idol to win. He is a nice chaser, clearing the fences in grand style and I don't think the weight will stop him. Diogenes, of course, is not to be underrated, but I think Double Chance cannot be regarded as honest as the day. The latter ran past the wing of the Open Ditch in the San Wai Handicap and for this reason he has not been given any allowance. Estover has been kindly treated by the new weight assigner with a drop of 10 lbs. against Ebony Idol and this grey gelding is now in its proper row. Mr. Stanton's candidate is undoubtedly a powerful beast, but he is too big over the fences and this alone is a big handicap. In my estimation Zoro has not been given a square deal and we shall see how the allotment works out on Sunday.

HISTORY OF MEET

It was in 1925 that the inaugural meeting of the Fanling Hunt Club was held on February 15, and in the circumstances the opening event, the Fanling Grand National and Pierce Grove Memorial Cup for China ponies over 1½ miles, celebrates its 14th birthday on Sunday. When the main event was first run over a course of two miles and to further the interest, H. B. L. Prince George, now Duke of Kent, serving as a naval officer on board H. M. S. Hawkins, kindly donated a handsome silver cup to the winner. It may be added that this Royal Highness was also a keen enthusiast of the sticks and fences, and his nomination, Curlew Dahlia, ridden by Lt. Danglefield in the Hunt Steeplechase over two miles finished among the "Also Rans."

The first classic was won by John Smith and was ridden by Mr. F. A. Pollock. There was no change in the conditions of the Fanling National, run in the following year but in 1928 the distance was lengthened to two and a quarter miles and the big endurance test was named the Fanling Grand National. Two years later the Fanling Club suffered a great loss in the death of their big boss, founder and master, Dr. Pierce Grove, and in memory of the great work he had done for the Club, the Stewards thought fit to associate his name with the exclusive major event. From 1930 this terrible strain and stamina contest was known as the Fanling Grand National and Pierce Grove Memorial Cup and I append below a list of winners since the inception in 1928.

Owner	Pony	Jockey	Distance
1928 Mrs. R. J. Paterson	John Smith	F. A. Pollock	Two miles
1929 K. H. Day	Easton Day	Capt. Erskine	2½ miles
1930 Major H. C. Lake	As You Like It	A. P. Clarke	2½ miles
1931 Brian (H. C. Lake)	As You Like It	Ed. C. H. Butler	2½ miles
1932 W. T. Stanton	Christmas Frolic	R. J. Corbett	2½ miles
1933 W. T. Stanton	Christmas Frolic	W. T. Stanton	2½ miles
1934 Lt. W. H. H. H. H.	Duke of Milan	J. W. H. H. H.	2½ miles
1935 Lt. W. H. H. H. H.	Burtonmaster	G. D. Gregory	2½ miles
1936 Lt. W. H. H. H. H.	Pride of Taintao	O. D. Black	2½ miles
1937 M. H. H. H. H.	Diogenes	Harris	1½ miles
1938 H. B. L. Dowling	Ebony Idol	G. P. Ferguson	1½ miles

DISTANCE SHORTENED

It will be seen that in 1931 the run was over two and a half miles, but the jump was reverted back to 2¼ miles in the following year and in 1930 the distance was shortened by two furlongs. For the last two years the journey was over the Derby course, but on Sunday the contest is over 1½ miles.

It will be recalled that the 1933 Grand National drew only three starters, namely, Christmas Frolic, Duke of Milan and Loch Ryan and the first named chaser, owing to his previous successes, was made a hot favourite. However, after half of the circuit had been covered, Mr. Stanton on Christmas Frolic had a nasty stumble and Duke of Milan went ahead to win in easy fashion. The spill robbed Mr. Stanton's chance of annexing the Grand National for three successive years. It is interesting to relate that Mr. K. H. Chum was the first Chinese owner to capture this classic in 1927.

Site Chosen For Davis Cup Final

New York, Feb. 4. At the annual meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, held on Sunday, it was decided to hold the 1939 Davis Cup Challenge

Interport Soccer Players Fail To Combine

NEED MORE PRACTICE TOGETHER BEFORE THEY MEET MANILA

(By "Abu")

The Hongkong Interport football team will have to play very much better than they did yesterday if they hope to beat Manila. In a practice game at Causeway Bay against the Rest of Hongkong, they were held to a draw of 1-1 in spite of the fact that the latter team played with four substitutes.

Up against a defence which by no stretch of the imagination could be said to be really strong, the Interport forwards failed to make appreciable headway most of the time; and when they did succeed, their shooting was so poor that McAlister, in the first goal, had little difficulty in dealing with the shots fired at him.

In fact, weakness in shooting was the failing of both sides. Though the Interport forwards seemed to be the better bunch of men, they also had left their shooting boots behind; otherwise, they would have finished the game on the winning end.

Though A. V. Gosano worked hard throughout, he seldom could give Lee Wai-tong the passes which the centre-forward wanted. What Lee wants are through passes along the ground; what he got yesterday were passes in the air which had to be brought down under control. By the time he had done this, backs and half-backs were already on them.

Better rest forwards showed better combination than their opposite numbers. The left-wing combination of Gomer and Lee Yan-leung (a Third Division South China player) was the best on the field, and between them they made many openings for Chan Tak-fai and Lee Tack-kee. Unfortunately the centre-forward and the inside right were unable to make full use of them either through slowness or over-anxiety.

What the game revealed yesterday was that the Interport team need to have at least another match to enable the players to understand one another's play. Sheehan and Leung Wing-chiu, for instance, were even good individually; but their covering of each other left a lot to be desired. The same could be said of Lee Tack-kee and Honeywell, the right back and right half. Dixon, the centre-half, playing in his third strenuous game since Sunday, was good in breaking up the Rest attacks, but was not up to his usual form in the distribution of his passes. Fung King-cheung, the inside right, was not happy with Fowler on the right wing, and on several occasions when a pass to the outside right would have been the best thing to do, preferred to send the ball into the middle to Lee or Gosano.

NOT AT HOME Fowler was not at home on the right wing. This was more or less expected, in view of the fact that he has been playing so regularly at centre-forward. Therefore, yesterday's game was not a really fair test for him.

Hau Ching-to's speed was his chief asset on the left wing, but apart

from this, he did not show anything out of the ordinary. As a matter of fact, without knowing the players, one would have preferred Lee Yan-leung, the junior player, to Hau, the selected Interport left wing.

Neither goal-keeper had much to do. McAlister was beaten by a rasping drive by Lee Wai-tong in the second half. The ball hit the bottom of the bar and bounced inside the goal-line, although most of the spectators must have credited the goal to Hau Ching-to, who headed the ball into the net from the rebound.

The Rest inside forwards, Lee Tack-kee Chan Tak-fai and Gomer, were very clever in their approach work, especially when they received help from the outside, but they indulged in too much close-passing when near the goal to be really effective as goal-getters. The Rest goal was also obtained in the second half, from a movement on the right, the ball being pushed through to Chan Tak-fai, who beat Tum Kwanton from close range.

PRACTICE NEEDED

As a spectacle, the game fell far below expectations. But it has to be understood perhaps that the players had not together for the first time, and could not be expected to settle down so quickly.

Definitely another practice match is needed, and the sooner the better.

Teams: Hongkong. — Tam Kwan-kon (South China); Lee Tin-sang (South China); Sheehan (Middlesex); Honeywell (Navy); Dixon (Navy); Leung Wing-chiu (South China); Fowler (Club); Fung King-cheung (South China); Lee Tack-kee (South China); A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's); and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Rest of Hongkong. — McAlister (Navy); Ho Yau-sang (Kwong Wah); Chang Chung-wan (Eastern); E. L. Strange (Club); Lau Hing-chol (South China); Tee Kam-hung (South China); Tang Kwong-sum (South China); Lee Tack-kee (Eastern); Chan Tak-fai (South China); Gomer (St. Joseph's); and Lee Yan-leung (South China).

Referee. — Mr. R. M. Omar.

Leicester Beaten By Charlton

London, Feb. 9. In the First Division of the English Football League, Leicester City, playing at home, were beaten by Charlton by five goals to one. — Reuters.



P. C. Hsu and C. H. Wei, of the visiting Shanghai tennis team, were defeated at doubles by S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett, of the Kowloon C.C. yesterday. Here the two Shanghai stars are seen in action, Hsu being the one nearer the camera. — Staff Photographer.

TENNIS

SHANGHAI STUDENTS ENTERTAINED BY KOWLOON C.C. TEAM

Light-hearted and thoroughly enjoyable tennis was seen at the Kowloon C.C. yesterday afternoon when the Shanghai Students' team were entertained. Of the five matches scheduled, only four were completed, the fifth being unfinished owing to darkness. Honours were even, each side winning two matches.

On the whole the display given by the visitors was of a fairly high standard. They were very good with their ground strokes, but at the net they were a trifle unsteady. The students all possess fine style, though they need to develop pace before they will be really effective.

K. F. Li, their No. 1 player, was in fine form in his singles match against A. E. P. Guest, the K.C.C. champion, and won comfortably. Li's service was powerful and his attacking ground strokes from both wings left Guest often with no counter. The K.C.C. champion, however, was off colour and did not do justice to himself.

CRAWFORD ERRATIC "Poker" Tong beat A. Crawford after two hard-fought sets. Had the local man not made so many mistakes in vital stages, it is quite conceivable that he would have beaten the visitor; but he was far too erratic to hope for success against such a steady player as Tong.

"Teddy" Fincher was his placid self in his match against H. K. Tsai and won in straight sets. His all-round steadiness was enough to see him through.

In the doubles, S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett, after dropping the first set in the twelfth game, jumped into form and by dint of continual attacking, won the next two sets.

Fincher and Crawford lost the first set against Li and Tong, and when the scores were deadlocked at 0-0 in the second, the match had to be abandoned owing to darkness. There were some fine rallies here, with Fincher outstanding. Li was also prominent, but both Crawford and Tong were inclined to be erratic.

As the scores indicate, all the matches were evenly-contested.

Results: Singles. — E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.) beat K. H. Tsai 6-2, 8-0; A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.) lost to H. F. Li 3-6, 3-6; A. Crawford (K.C.C.) lost to P. K. Tong 6-8, 4-6. Doubles. — S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett (K.C.C.) beat T. H. Wei and

CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET TEAMS TO PLAY NAVY

The following teams will represent the Craigengower Cricket Club in Senior and Junior Division league cricket matches to-morrow. 1st XI v. Royal Navy (away). — E. Zimmermann (Capt.), P. J. Billmorie, A. R. H. Esmail, A. B. Hanson, D. Hung, A. K. Ismail, A. T. Lee, W. Ruple, G. Souza, A. Zimmermann and F. H. Zimmermann. 2nd XI v. Royal Navy (home). — B. E. Innes (Capt.), W. Tong Bling, M. C. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, H. P. Lim, T. Locke, A. M. Omar, W. K. Way, G. Winch and J. L. Young-Saye.

New Speed Records By German Ace

Berlin, Feb. 9. Rudolf Caracciola, the German motoring ace, drove his three-litre Mercedes-Benz on a special stretch of the Dessau-Bitterfeld autobahn at a speed of 248.22 miles an hour to-day over a mile in a flying start, and 247.46 kilometres an hour over a kilometre, thus beating the existing International Class D records by 93.84 miles and 92.33 kilometres respectively.

The cords were previously held by G. Furrmank, of Italy. Caracciola also created records for the mile and kilometre standing start with 127.112 and 109.36 respectively. Furrmank previously held the records with 102.86 and 94.73 respectively. — Reuters Special.

ITALIANS WANT 1944 OLYMPICS

Rome, Feb. 9. The Italian Olympic Committee met to-day to discuss bidding for the 1944 Games. Italy wanted the 1940 Games, but in a last-minute vote, swung in favour of Japan, with the understanding that the Japanese delegates would reciprocate with their ballots for 1944. The Council is expected to draft a letter to the International Olympic Committee within the next few days, formally seeking the 1944 Games. — United Press.

Mrs. Fabyan Wins Jamaica Tennis Title

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 9. Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Fabyan to-day won the inter-colonial women tennis singles title, when she beat Miss Peggy Scriven of England in straight sets by 6-2, 6-3. — United Press.



The two leading players of the visiting Shanghai Students' team, "Poker" Tong (left) and K. F. Li. Both took players from the Kowloon C.C. yesterday. — Staff Photographer.

Strathcarrick Is Brutus' Chief Danger

Very good response has been received for the Grand National Steeplechase among the Australian ponies, there being exactly a dozen nominations. There was no race last season, owing to, I presume, a shortage of jumpers, but it seems to me that this classic event is going to stay. However, the first Grand National was run on March 10, 1935, when Flummery, ridden by Mr. W. H. S. Davis, won by many lengths. This chaser has been entered for the big race but his chance is very remote. Brutus, 1937 winner, holds the post of honour and then comes Strathcarrick who has been allotted 103 lbs. When they clashed in the New South Wales Handicap (a steeplechase over a course of 1½ miles) Strathcarrick, the winner, was in receipt of 103 lbs. from Brutus, but on Sunday the difference of weights is only 3 lbs. and I am confident that Brutus will make amends. Generally speaking, Mr. G. Trevelton is comparatively a newcomer over the fences, but the manner in which he handled Brutus in his first outing seemed to suggest that he had confidence in the animal and no doubt all racing men will be delighted to see the combination romp home first. Mr. C. L. Gregory, who is going to ride Strathcarrick, is an old hand at the game and I am afraid his experience will be a menace to Brutus. Tevoldale is nicely weighted and so is the old timer, Glorious Star, who will be ridden by Mr. H. J. Hearne. It seems to me that the Stewards cannot make up their minds as to what should be the proper distance for the Grand National. In 1935 it was a jump over 2¼ miles, but in the following year the length was shortened by two furlongs, and in 1937 we saw the event over 1½ miles. On Sunday the run is over two miles. At any rate a good race is assured.

Round matches to the Merion Cricket Club of Philadelphia. The National Singles Championship was set for Forest Hills on September 7, continuing through to September 16. — United Press.

Aeroplanes Inspire the New Hats



HATS are growing wings, and this new style is so distinctive that hatters and hairdressers have got together on a new hair style to suit them.

Here you see three of Erik's new models and the hair dressing that Erik and Antoine are sponsoring. The new brims have the broad spread of aeroplane wings and are short back and front so that women can both see and be seen.

Marlene Dietrich has chosen the wide-brimmed black hat at the top. She wears the veil very long and twisted round her neck and the only trimming on the hat is a large gold-headed hatpin.

Veils are worn in new ways, as seen on the other two models. They are attached to the crown of the hat and swathed round the head, sometimes across the face and sometimes not.

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Too Silent Wives

SOME women envelop themselves in an icy silence when they consider they have a just and lawful grievance.

The proverb says that silence is golden, but on occasions it becomes one of the most inhuman and most annoying things that human nature can devise. We all know, of course, that it is right to keep one's temper under control, to maintain one's dignity at all costs and to avoid saying those cruel things that people do say when they have lost their tempers. But even a virtue so admirable as self-control can be overdone, and if a wife thinks she has been badly treated, a little outburst of good, honest temper is infinitely preferable to that awful, frightful silence that chills the spirit of other people.

There is no surer way, of course, of punishing an undutiful husband. It reduces any normal, good-tempered, tractable husband to a quivering mass of frayed nerves and impotent anger in less than ten minutes—and for that reason, it is a barbed and dangerous weapon to use. So often, it can turn what should be no more than an unimportant little tiff into a major quarrel with a nasty, jagged edge, whereas a few hasty words would have cleared the domestic air in a moment and brought the sunshine out again.

In this world of ours, and human nature being what it is, an occasional good, wholesome row is a wonderful tonic. It is the finest insurance against a descent to that painful, cat-and-dog existence that some married couples "enjoy." It is only the people who brood over their grievances and lock themselves up in an injured silence who get this way. Anger and bitterness will out, and if it does not come out normally and rationally, it breaks out in ceaseless sickening.

Ann Booker

LET THEM MAKE THEIR OWN SWEETS

THERE'S nothing children home from school like better than making sweets. Turn them loose in the kitchen and the result, even if it gets stuck to the saucepan, will taste nicer to them than Bond-street chocolates.

Here are some which, with a little supervision over the boiling, your children should be able to manage.

Fruit Fondants

One lb. of loaf sugar;
1 gill water;
1 dessertspoon glucose
(glucose for cooking costs 5d. per pound).

Any kind of chopped nuts (whole ones if liked), seedless raisins, dates, crystallised ginger and cherries. Put water and sugar in the pan together, stir until the sugar dissolves.

Add the glucose, bring to the boil, and continue to boil until crystals form.

Remove the pan from the heat and allow fondant to cool. Turn on to a wet marble slab or into a large basin. Work mixture with a wooden spoon till creamy. Keep free from cracks, then work in the nuts and fruits. If liked, the fondants can be worked up into balls, and halved nuts placed each side sandwich fashion.

Chocolate Truffles

Four-ounce block of plain chocolate.

Two ounces icing sugar.
One and a-half tablespoons of unsweetened evaporated milk.
Half teaspoon vanilla essence.
Desiccated coconut.

Melt the chocolate. Do not allow to get hot. Stir in the sieved icing sugar, also add the milk. Now add vanilla essence, and work all together well. No cooking is needed.

Russian Fudge

One pound granulated sugar.
One large tin of condensed milk (unsweetened).
Two tablespoons of water.
Three ounces butter. Vanilla essence.

Dissolve the sugar in the water. Add milk and butter. Bring to the boil, then boil for half an hour, until when tested in cold water the fudge forms a ball. Remove from the heat at once, add vanilla, then pour into buttered tin and mark into squares while warm.

Lemon Toffee

One pound granulated sugar.
Four ounces butter.
Juice of one lemon.
Essence of lemon.

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the sugar and boil up slowly. Stir for a few moments while it is boiling and add one teaspoonful of lemon juice.

Continue boiling until it "threads," add the rest of the lemon juice and a few drops of essence of lemon. Turn out on to a buttered tin.

FILLETS OF SOLE WALEWSKA

PREPARE fillets and place in a shallow casserole with a little onion, salt, pepper, a bouquet of herbs, small pieces of butter and a glass of white wine. Cover with lid and cook slowly for about 10 minutes. Removing fish and keep it hot. Strain the liquor in which it was cooked, and thicken with an egg yolk. Do not boil. Pour this sauce over fish.

Garnish each fillet with a piece of lobster meat, a tiny crescent of puff pastry, and a slice of truffle. Brown slightly under grill and serve at once.

CHICKEN SPATCHCOCK

SPLIT a young chicken, season well, paint with butter, and cook under a hot grill for 30 minutes. Baste with the butter.

While this is cooking put two tablespoonsful of Worcester sauce with an ounce of butter into a jar. Melt this in the oven and stir well, and serve in a sauceboat. Garnish chicken with sprigs of watercress.

JAPAN'S UNEMPLOYED Wage Index Highest For Fifteen Years

Tokyo, Feb. 9.
The number of unemployed in Japan stood at 374,600 at the end of last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The figure includes 22,500 workers who have been forced to change jobs as the result of the rise of munitions industries. Ex-employees of companies and factory hands reached 88,300.—Domet.

Record Wage Index

Tokyo, Feb. 9.
The average labour wage index has reached the highest point for the past 15 years, according to a survey made by the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Continuing its steady rise since last August, the index figure at the end of December stood at 122.9, compared with the basic number of 100 for 1925.

This figure showed an increase of 5.9 per cent on that of November and 11.9 per cent compared with the index for December, 1937.—Domet.



Ideas In Economy

ECONOMY is frequently misunderstood. It should not be regarded as a household bogey, for economy carried out on proper lines is an important part of the ministrations of every household, no matter how large or small the income.

Economy does not mean saving and scrimping of money only. The saving of time and energy are of great importance, and economy in this direction will bring leisure and good temper as dividends.

It is in the kitchen that drudgery should be eliminated, and the chief economies practised. Make an economical use of floor and wall space. The main purpose of the kitchen is for the preparation of food. It saves much time to have a place for everything you need to prepare meals, and a proper stock of the necessary articles.

Kitchen Equipment

It is an economy to have the kitchen equipment grouped so that the minimum number of steps is required in carrying out the many kitchen tasks. A china cupboard placed next to the kitchen sink, and a saucepan stand placed under the draining board make washing-up an easier matter; also a table near the cooker saves many journeys.

Care of cleaning materials is a form of economy which, though small, is rarely practised. So many housewives get into the bad habit of using cleaning materials extravagantly. Liquids are left uncorked, so that they evaporate or get knocked over; pastes are left with their lids off and get hard and useless. Large handfuls of soap and soda are thrown into the washing-up water, where smaller quantities would be just as efficacious, if not more so, as too much soda takes the paint and gliding of china.

When it comes to food, few housewives are economical. It is no economy to buy cheap food, which has little real nourishment, and to look upon good food as a luxury. But it is equally bad economy to buy good food and then not take the trouble to cook it properly.

Using Odds and Ends

A great source of waste in many households is the throwing away of nutritious odds and ends. Remains of meat, fish and vegetables can be utilised in making countless tasty dishes. Study a good cookery-book and you will find methods that will make left-overs into the most intriguing dishes. Bones and meat trimmings can be used for stock or gravy, and remnants of bread and cakes made into puddings.

If you have an electric cooker economise by using the heat left when the current is switched off. At breakfast time prepare the vegetables

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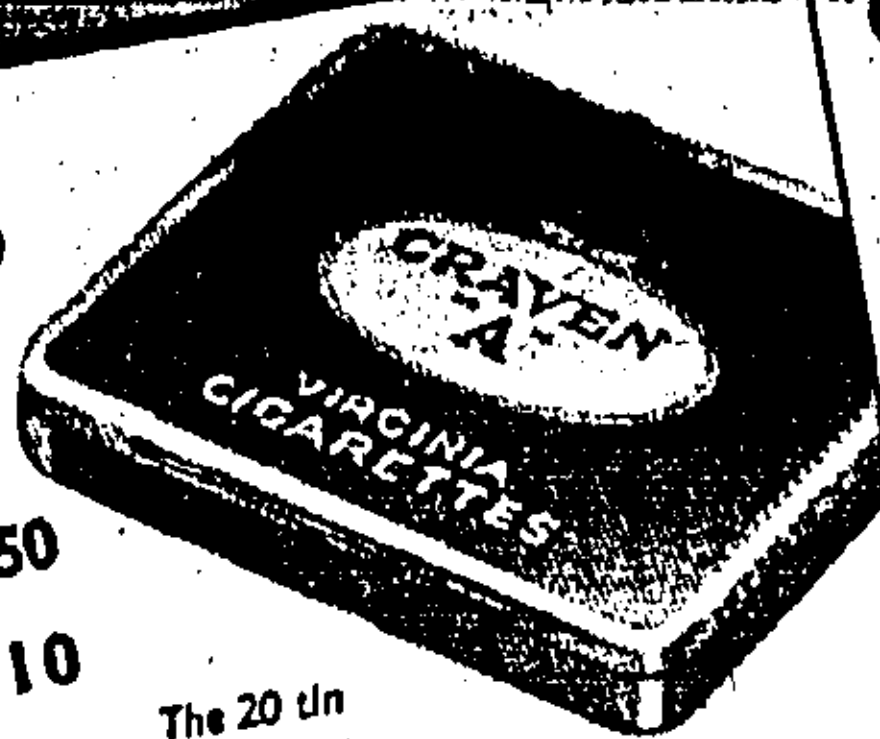
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EMBEZZLEMENT CASE

Madame Wang Ching-wei's Brother Arrested

Word was recently received in Shanghai to the effect that a brother-in-law of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, dismissed Kuomintang statesman who favours peace with Japan, has been arrested in Mengtze.

He is Chen Chang-tsu, director of the Aero Manufacturing Factory in Kunming and brother of Madame Wang Ching-wei, popularly known as Chen Bih-chuan, one of a few women members of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang.

He is alleged to have fled from his post carrying a large sum of money. His disappearance was reported on January 16 but quickly the Military Affairs Council ordered all branch offices to look for him and he was eventually arrested a few days ago in a flying school in Mengtze.

He will be court-martialled.

or meat for the luncheon and have them in pots or casseroles ready to place on the hot plates when kettles and pans are removed.

Economy with coal can be effected by placing a few lumps of chalk or broken brick at the back of the grate. This throws out a good heat. When cleaning the grate in the morning sweep the ash and cinders and return the cinders to the fire. They burn brightly with a good foundation. The ash should be kept in a jar for use in removing stains on dishes and pans.

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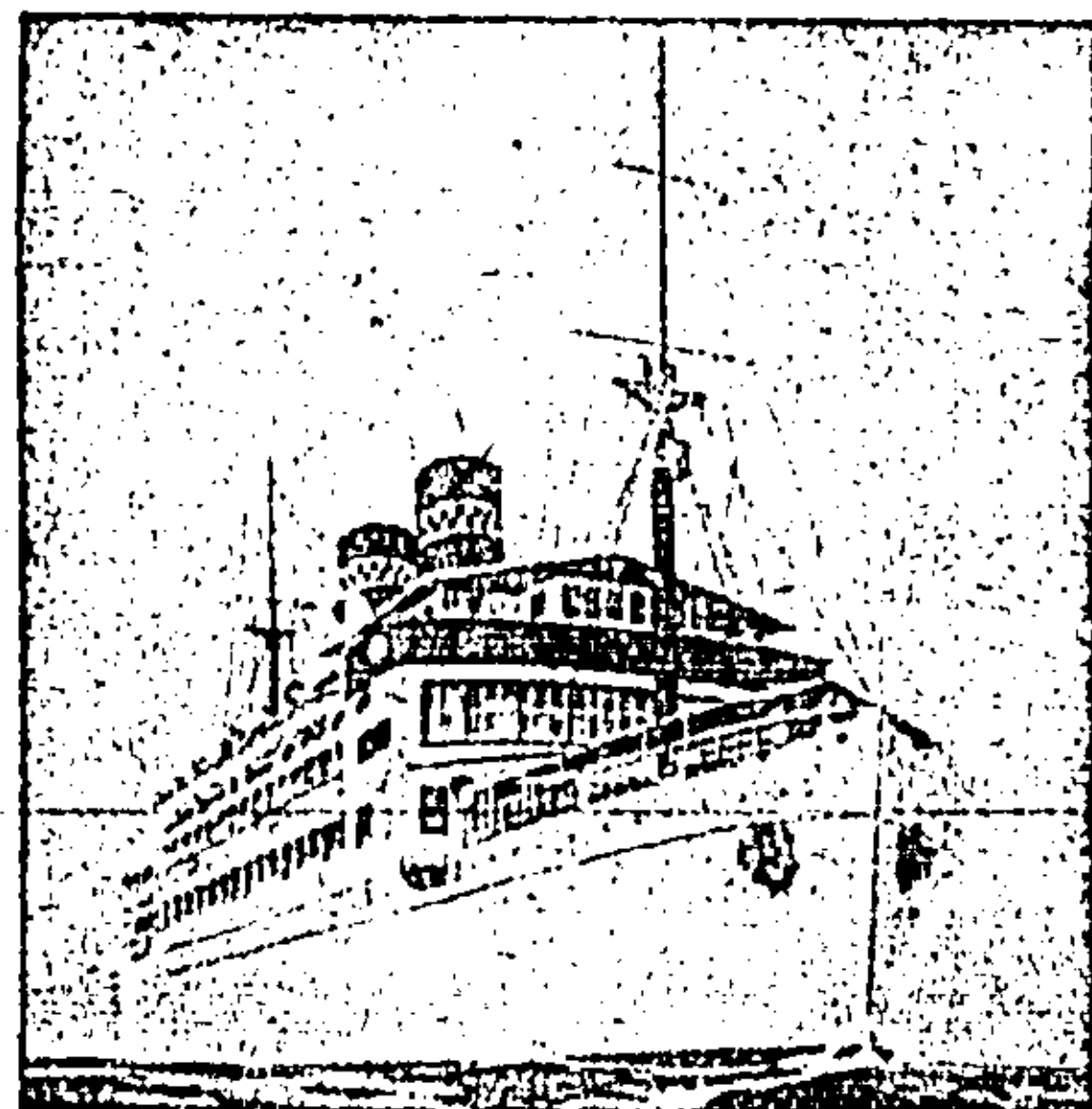
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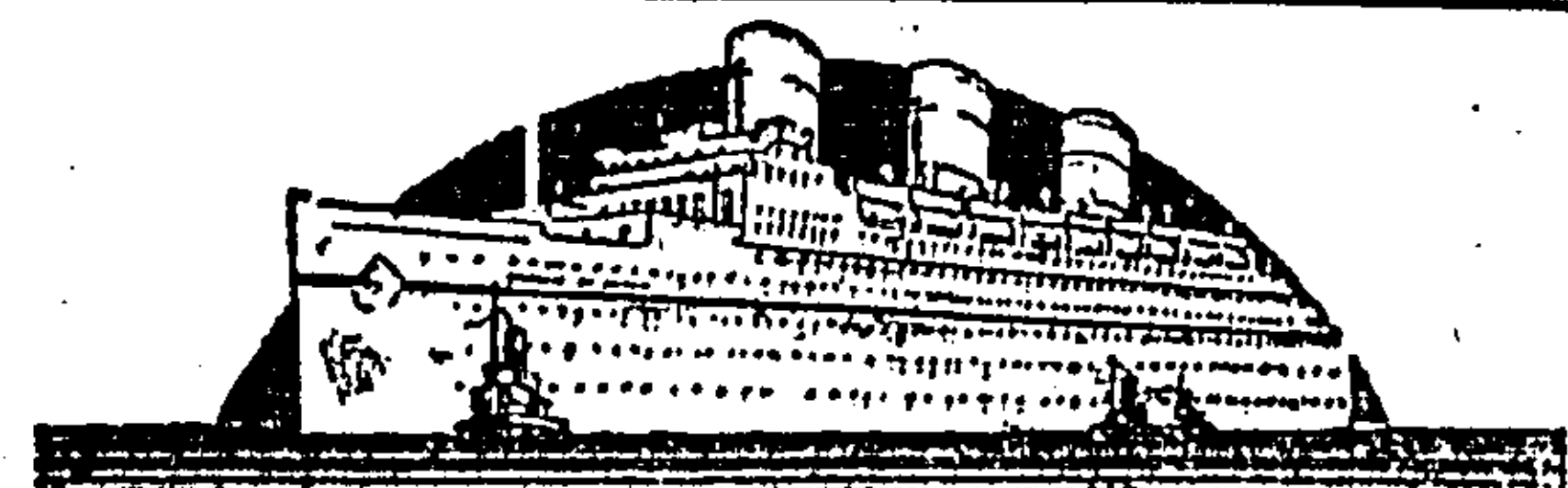
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ACROSS
1—Eighty acid
4—Avarice
9—Bum
12—Supply with surface
13—Cubus tail
14—Pleasure food
16—Dining chamber
17—Neat
18—Term game
19—Hopped
20—Swims part
22—A soccer expert
26—Rueful
27—Dropper
28—Clairvoyance
29—Those who rest
34—Dumb on names of numbers
35—Treaty
37—Encountered
38—On a case of
39—Usher
40—Refractive
41—Number
43—Blend light rays
47—Cruelty label
48—Pertaining to space
50—Entrance to New York harbor
52—Artificial being
53—Futural
54—Delirium again
57—Union of kingdoms
61—Antiseptic drug
62—Noise of scale
64—Miser
65—Metal-bearing rock

DOWN
2—Deer
3—Edward
5—Fish
6—One of a pair
7—Performer
8—Curve
10—Old man
11—Old man
12—Kitchen utensil
13—Bout
15—Religion
21—Part of rainbow
23—English river
25—Noise in nose
27—Domestic animal
28—Bavarian
29—Symbol
31—Mystic word
32—Metal
33—Violet
42—Symbol
43—Dancer
44—Metal
45—Leans extremely
46—Removal of trunk
47—Universal tongue
48—Unlaid
49—Unlaid
51—Enthusiasm
54—Mistake
55—Tea
56—Small worm
58—Combination of
59—Proverbs
63—Signature
66—Chinese measure

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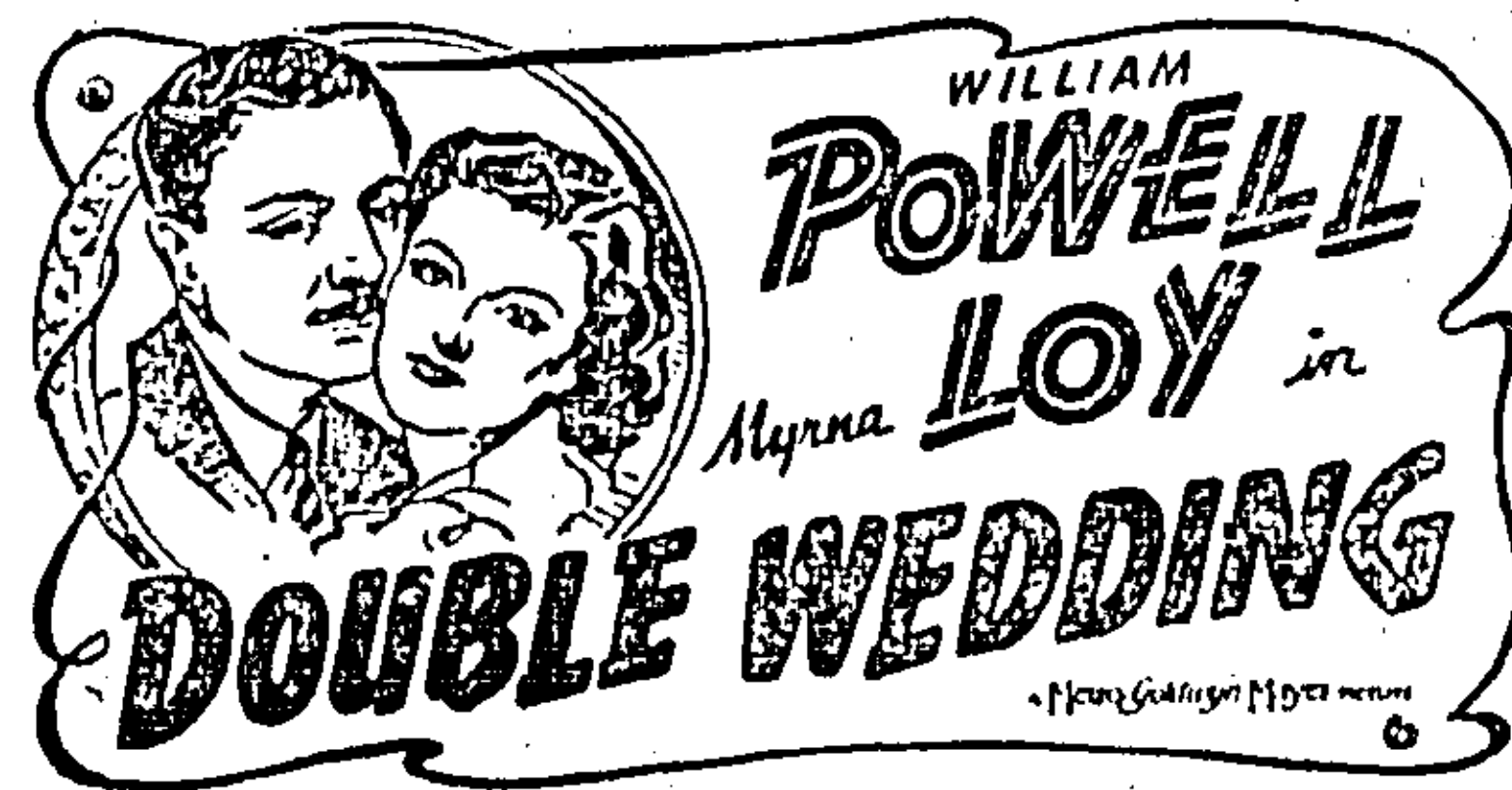
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NEW YORK, Feb. 9.
The s.s. VEENDAM, s.s. Seannam, and the British steamer Clontonia, have reached the scene of the wreck of the steamer Maria de Larrinaga, and are participating in a search.
The Veendam wireless that she had sighted numerous pieces of wreckage, ladders, and a table-top.
The Cunard White Star liner, Aurania, reports that she sighted the wreckage of hatch covers and oars near the last reported position of the Larrinaga.—REUTER.

CREW RESCUED

A WIRELESS MESSAGE SAYS THAT THE VEENDAM IS NOW RESCUING THE CREW OF THE MARIA DE LARRINAGA, THOUGH HAMPERED BY HEAVY SEAS.—REUTER.

Motor Car Exports Show Decline

New York, Feb. 9.
The value in exports of motor

vehicles in 1938, amounted to \$283,000,000, according to the Department of Commerce, representing a decline of 21 per cent, compared with 1937, but still above the average of the last five years, which is \$285,000,000.

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WORLD WILL MOURN DEATH OF THE POPE OF PEACE

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first appointment as doctor in the Ambrosian Library of Milan. He remained in Milan until 1913, part of the time as chaplain of a monastic institution, and in 1914, because of his extraordinary work in the Ambrosian library, was named prefect of the Vatican library.

RENOWNED AS ALPINIST

In these years as a Vatican librarian, he spent his annual vacations on Alpine excursions, far from the world of books. His prowess as a climber of difficult heights still is recalled in the Alps.

Benedict XV nominated Mgr. Ratti as apostolic nuncio in Poland on June 29, 1919, his first diplomatic mission, which resulted in his elevation to the rank of archbishop. He was consecrated in Warsaw and prepared the way for the concordat between Poland and the Holy See.

After the death of Cardinal Andrea Ferrari, archbishop of Milan, Archibishop Ratti became a cardinal in June, 1921.

Less than a year later, on Jan. 22, 1922, Pope Benedict XV died and the conclave of cardinals elected Cardinal Ratti to succeed him Feb. 6.

CONCORDAT SIGNED IN 1929

In most important work, accomplishment of the Lateran treaty and concordat, which was signed in Rome at the Lateran palace on February 11, 1929, ending the long dissension between the church and Italy, resulted from almost direct negotiations between Pius XI and Benito Mussolini. Marquis Pacelli, brother of Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, papal secretary of state, served as intermediary.

That summer, on July 25, 1929, Pope Pius XI made his first appearance outside the Vatican in the great Eucharistic procession around St. Peter's square. He remained in Vatican territory, but later in the same year he made a surprise visit

WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS IN FRANCE

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Deputy for Indo-China in the Lower House.

M. de Beaumont recalled the various measures taken by successive French Governments to prevent the occupation of the island. In 1898, China gave an undertaking that the island would never be fortified and, as an extra precaution, France obtained the concession of Kwangchowwan, a territory containing 600 square miles, situated on the mainland directly opposite Hainan Island.

In 1907, France concluded an agreement with Japan regarding Hainan Island.

"A SERIOUS MENACE"

"The occupation by Japan of the strategically important island would not only constitute a serious menace to French Indo-China, but would also gravely endanger British interests," M. de Beaumont concluded. "It should be made definitely clear to Japan that any attempt to establish its authority over the island would encounter the joint resistance of Great Britain and France."

Japan's repeated threats to land on the island recently led to the concentration of flotillas of the newest type warships, cruisers, destroyers, submarines and naval airplanes at Saigon. This considerable fleet is still in Indo-China waters, it is believed.

Last March, when rumours were current that the Japanese were about to make a major landing, the French Government sent a Note to Tokyo, making it clear that France's treaty with China placed France under obligation to prevent foreign occupation of the island.

Local Man Divorced

A decree nisi was granted by Mr. Justice Bucknill at the London Divorce Court on Wednesday, January 11, to Mrs. Ellen Frances Allen, of Grass Street, Gillingham, Kent, on the grounds of adultery of her husband, William Elijah Allen, of the Sanitary Department, Hongkong. The case was undefended.

The petitioner is the daughter of Mr. S. G. Calsworthy, of the Naval Yard, Hongkong.
The marriage took place at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, in February, 1931.

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LATE NEWS

HAINAN AND FRANCE

Tokyo, Feb. 10.

Occupation by the Japanese forces of Hainan Island does not run counter to the Franco-Japanese agreement of 1907 regarding China's territorial integrity, while the Franco-Chinese agreement of 1897 prohibiting cession of Hainan Island to other Powers has no power to restrain Japan's action, the spokesman of the Foreign Office declared in a statement to-day.

The spokesman claims that at the time when the Franco-Japanese agreement was concluded in 1907, China was not completely independent and was unable to maintain peace and order in her territory. It was in view of these circumstances that Japan and France concluded the agreement with a view to preventing disorders in the areas of China bordering on the respective territories of Japan and France.

While the unrest which existed at the time of the conclusion of the agreement was subsequently removed from the political situation in China, the statement indicates, new dangers have been aroused, that is, China has constructed bases of military operations in the specified area by mobilising large forces of organised troops, thus causing and increasing the possibility of launching attacks on the adjoining country or countries.—Domet.

Cardinal Schuster Arrives

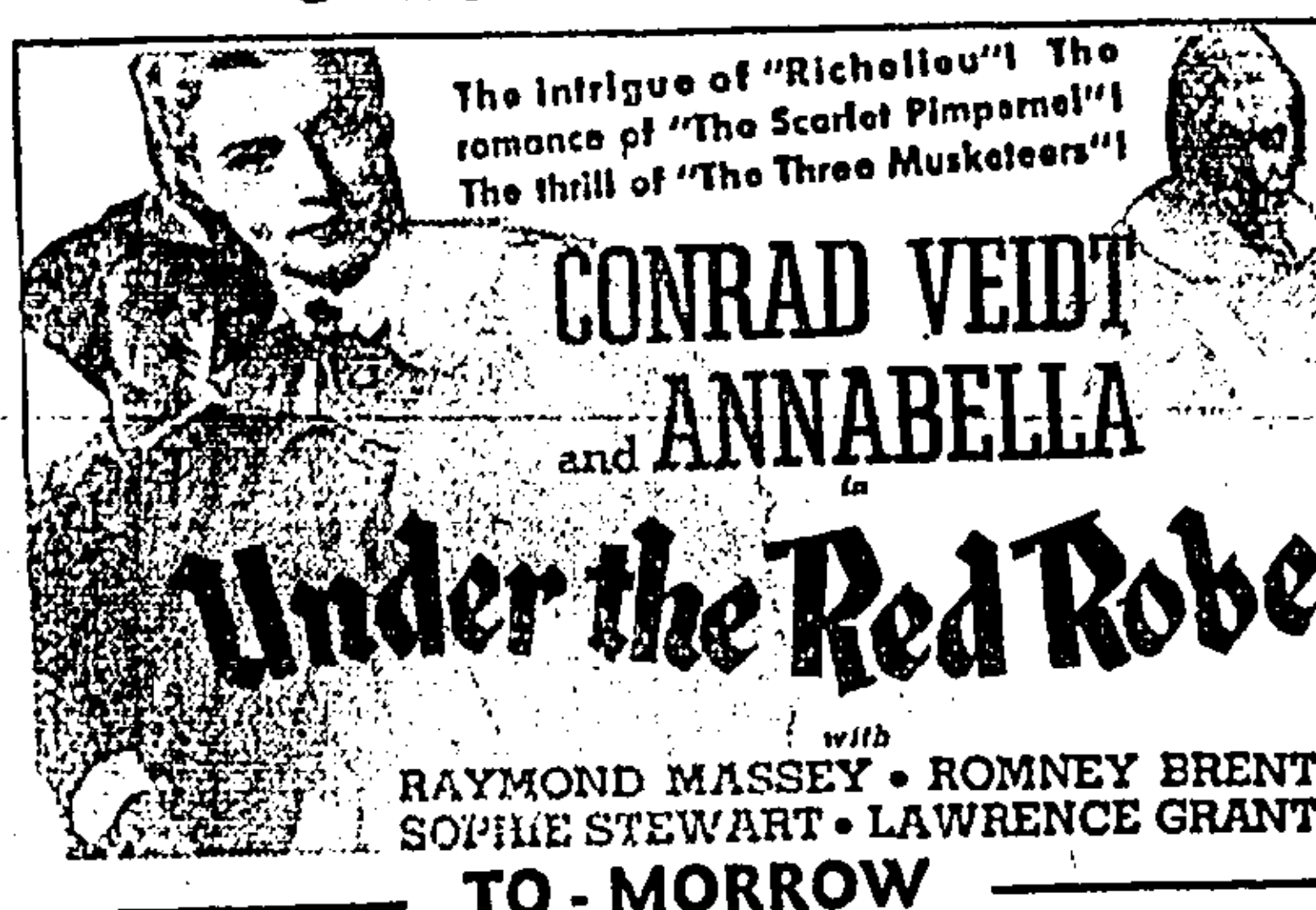
Rome, Feb. 9.
Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, who is mentioned as the next Pope, arrived in Rome to-day.—Reuter.

The outstanding characteristics of Pius XI were his methodical orderliness, his tranquillity, his insistence upon exact form and etiquette which was relaxed greatly in his later years, and his strong passion for learning.

He was an outstanding diplomat, most noticeably so in his relations with the dictatorships. He established valuable agreements with Mussolini and Hitler, and before he became Pope was able to obtain liberation of many prisoners and hostages from the Russian Bolsheviks, among whom were the archbishop of Mohilew and the bishop of Minsk.



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